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LETTERS.

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" "	Annual Assay
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" 7	Relation to Silver received for increase
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" 24	Sample sent is good gold, send balance of it
" 25	Minutes of proceedings of Assay Commission
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" 2	Statements for February
" 7	Relation to the addition to Silver bullion fund
" 9	Express Recpt for 200 oz granulated Silver
" 18	Wants copy of Appn & Deficiency Bill
" 20	Redemption of Small coins, Mixed condition
" "	Adjusting Loss in Bullion Fund, by Abrasion
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" 21	Foreign Coin must come as bullion
" 22	Have no contract for transporting Nickels
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122	" " "	" 14	Forwards List of Employes
129	" " "	" 25	Requisition $48.375
133	" " "	May 1	Monthly Count
135	" " "	" 2	Deposits & Coinage for April
136	" " "	" "	Bare Coins redeemed for April
139	Baker M. M Y	" "	Ore is much Iron pyrites
140	Boutwell Hon G. S	" 3	Corrected Statement of Coins redeemed

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55	Cadwalader Hon John	Feby 6	Annual Assay
72	Clemens J B	" 16	No law authorizing gold half dollars
73	Cadwalader Hon J	" 24	Copy of Minutes of Assay Commission
109	Casker C. H	April 1	Will make your Assay
111	Chaffee Hon J. B.	" 3	Enclosing Circulars Annual Report &c "

13	Davis A M	Nov 18	Metal sent contained no Silver
25	Dickman E	Dec 20	Dr I H has not on Deposit book

108	Edwards A	April 1	Relation to price of Rare coin
137	Eaton A B Mrs	May 2	Devices on Indian Medals

14	Ford & Fuller	Nov 21 1871	Mint never issued 25 or 50 ¢ gold pieces
125	Fremantle Hon C. W	April 19	Refining Swaps at Mint

2	Greene Prof W. H.	Nov 4	Sends copies of rare coins from Mint Cabinet also information on same subject
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7	Hartley Hon J. F.	Nov 7	Letter for Henry Troemner rec'd
27	Harris F H6	Dec 29	Sends $98. in 3 ¢ pieces
39	Hawks F L	1871 Jan 16	Cannot furnish new nickel cents
52	Hendricks Brothers	Feby 2	Have enough copper on hand
88	Houghton McCord & Co	March 18	Redemption of Small Coins
126	Harvey J	April 20	Have not rec'd any nickel coin on your a/c
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26	Jessop &	Dec 29	Deficit in Shipment of 5¢ nickels

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40	Kelley Hon W. D.		Jany 19	Directors views on new Coinage Bill
47	Keiste E. H. L		" 24	Repat of Assay mailed on 13th inst

58	H. R. Linderman	Feby 6.	Relation to cutting down Mint Estimate

23	Mann & Rhodes	Dec 15	Mexican dollar of 69, 70
57	Moore Hon H. D.	Feby 6 1871	Annual Assay
121	Mitchell D S	April 12	Mint executes, but does not sell coin
123	Martin Hon J L	" 17	Paying of freight on pennies sent for Redemption

103	Mc Keehan Jas	1871 March 23	Arrangmt. for redemption not yet complet

89	Nellis H. C.	March 18	Redemption of Small coins
113	Norman S. H	April 10	cannot send 54 ps of 1871 but of 1870

10	Oliver W H	Nov 12	Relation to supplying small coin
15	" " "	" 22	Will send $100 in 5¢ pc per week
22	" " "	Dec 8	$1.50 Express charge, refunded

8	Parker S. I. M.D.	Nov 10	U.S. Small Coins
11	Pancoast Prof J	" 15	Medal of himself
85	Pool, Nazro, Kimball & Co	March 16	Redemption of Small coins
38	Pomeroy M. M	May 2	No of half dollars coind in 1864, 967, 970

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85	Pool, Nazro, Kimball & Co	March 16	Redemption of Small coins
38	Pomeroy M. M	May 2	No of Half dollars coined in 1864, 967, 970

16	Rand C. S.	Nov 23	Specimen coins from Bolivia
21	Renwick C. S	Dec 6	Relative to the death of Dr Miller
48	Rives & Bailey	1871 Jany 24	$5 for Congressional Globe
53	Renwick C. S.	Feby 2	Dr Millers Chlorine Process
60	Raymond R. H	" 7	Statistics of Mint for years asked for
70	Rogers Knowles & Co	" 15	$50. of 5¢ shipped in mistake
76	Risen & Son	" 27	$30 rec'd, what shall be done with it
86	Reed C. J.	March 17	Redemption of small coins
87	Ravens Mac Kinlay & Co	" "	Same

56	Smith Aubrey H. Esq	Feby 6	Annual Assay
63	Spinner Hon F E	" 9	Coin ordered will be sent at once
80	" " " "	March 3	$200 recd 5¢ nickels will be sent Do Soto Bank
104	Squires Thos	" 25	Will execute coinage for depositors
127	Scully & Devit	April 22	pennies shipped for redemption

65	Times. N. Y. Editor	Feby 10	Bullion Refining
68	Thompson W. H	" 11	Mint Executes but does not sell coin
69	" " "	" 13	Enclosing Express Recpt for $50. coin
101	Troemner H	March 22	Order for "Standard Balance"
105	Tuttle L. L.	March 20	$1000 rec^d 5¢ ps will be sent at once
128	Tillson G. M	April 24	Nickels sent for exchange

12	Wiser P. K	Nov 17	Gold Coins of the U.S
71	Winthrop Hon R. C	Feby 15	Invitation to the Mint
130	Wilson J. A	April 26	Enclosing Silver coin circular
132	Wyman A. N.	" 29	Relation to Counting Boards

Nov. 1st 70.

Sir

Enclosed I forward my official report of Deposits and Coinage at the U. S. Mint during the month of October 1870.

Very Respectfully Yours

A. Loud
Director

Hon George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D. C.

November 4th 70

Sir and Dear Sir

Herewith I send, as requested, the copies of certain rare coins in the Mint Cabinet, with one or two more which you did not mention, but equally adapted to your purpose.

I need not say, that the copying of coins is a delicate business, to which we are very reluctant, and could not do it at all, except in a case like the present, where there is no possibility of the pieces being employed or represented as genuine. It has become an important part of numismatic science, to separate between the genuine and the imitation

I add some remarks & explanations which may be of use or interest to you.

1. The Jewish Shekel – Intrinsic value 58 to 60 cents – You are aware that this was a money-weight, and not a coin, until Simon Maccabeus struck such pieces, as recorded in First Maccabees XV. 6.

The legends are in the Samaritan characters
On one side is the budding rod of Aaron, with
"Jerusalem the Holy," and on the other a cup of incense
or pot of manna, with "Shekel of Israel."
The execution shows very low state of art.
This piece was bought for us, in Smyrna, many
years ago, for 500 Turkish piastres, about $21.
Since then the price has advanced; it has sold at auction
in London for $55. It is seldom offered for sale,
being very rare.
R. There is another Shekel, in which the same
legends are expressed in Hebrew letters; but it is
from a Shop in Görlitz, the Birmingham of Prussia.
It is made there, to be taken and sold at the Holy
Sepulchre, to pilgrims as an antique.
I send you a copy of one of these.
3. The gold daric of Persia. It bears the figure of
an archer kneeling to shoot; nothing on the reverse
except the marks of the stake on which it was placed,
when struck with the coining-hammer.
no lettering, and no one can tell to which
belongs; but no doubt dates back to the

century B. C., & is one of our oldest coins. Intrinsic value about $5.50.

We have also a Silver daric, considered to be not quite so old.

4. The tetradrachm or Silver stater of Antiochus-Epiphanes of Syria. This represents a large series of coins, which, altho' they ceased with that dynasty, must still have been current in Palestine, at the advent of our Saviour. No doubt it was one of those that was found in the fish's mouth, to pay tribute for two persons. They are still quite abundant, in the hands of collectors; have lately been sold in London as low as two dollars, which is about three times their intrinsic value, when of full weight. (66 cents.)

The shekel was held to be on a par with the stater, altho' strictly of less value.

5. The denarius of Vespasian, Judea Devicta, is a highly interesting coin, and represents a considerable series of that prince and Titus, generally with the legend "Judea Capta." You have another with Judea

Quarter only, which we have not. (The dent in the head is a corrosion in the original piece) Intrinsic value about 14 cent.

6. The lepton, or widows mite, was current in Greece & Syria. Weighing only from 10 to 20 grains, it is wonderful that any should have been preserved down to our time. They have various devices, but no legends. This one has an amphoreus or tankard with two handles, very distinct; on the other side merely a lump. Current value 1/5 to 1/8 cent.

7. I add a copper coin of no less interest, as it marks the adoption of Christianity as the State reli=
=geon, in the Roman Empire. It is of Constans, second son of Constantine the Great, ruling in the middle provinces, with Italy; killed A. D. 350. On the obverse, the head and titles of the Emperor D(ominus) N(oster) Constans P(ius) F(elix) Aug(ustus); reverse, a soldier holding the military ensign or labarum on which is ☧ Chi Rho, the monogram of Christ. The legend, Fel. Temp, Reparatrio, declares the "Restoration of Happy Times."
The piece is not scarce, but highly interesting

The pieces are all in type-metal alloyed with tin, cast from the originals in plaster moulds, made in the Assay Department of the Mint, for this special occasion.

The expense of materials, silvering &c was $1.20 This is the only charge we make. The time, labor &c we present to you with the compliments of myself and Prof Wm DuBois, Assistant Assayer, to whose skill we owe the beautiful copies of the Antique Coins now sent to you

Yours very sincerely

Jas. Pollock

Director

Prof W. H Green

Princeton

N. J.

Nov. 7. 0.

Sir,

Your letter of the 5th inst., for Henry Boerum, Esq in my care, was rec'd this morning, and duly placed in Mr. Boerum's hands.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon. J. A. Hartley
Acting Secretary of
the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Nov. 10th 70

Dear Sir

Referring to your suggestions of the 8th inst, in the order in which you present them, I answer,

1st That a proposition to substitute a nickel cent for the copper cent has been before Congress for several years, but does not seem to meet with favor.

2d The three cent, and the five cent nickel coins, are identical in their component parts, and of equal purity. The 5¢ nickel piece was made of its present thickness in deference to the judgment of Congress; contrary to my own views and wishes.

3d There is nothing new in the views you present with

regard to the imagery that would be most suitable for our coins. The question has been a subject of discussion again and again ever since the first coinage authorized by Congress, and the public sentiment seems to be as much divided now upon the subject, as in any former period of our history. It is referred to incidentally in my forth= =coming Annual Report, a copy of which will be forwarded to you as soon as Congress meets.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director

S. J. Parker M. D.

Ithaca N. Y.

Nov. 12. 0

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 7th inst. duly rec'd. If you will take $500. worth of 5¢ nickels at one time, and take each shipment off the hands of the Express Company immediately on arrival, paying cash down for the entire lot, and not in partial deliveries of smaller amounts as you may find sale for them (which last would not be admissible) I will endeavor to effect an arrangement with the Treasurer of the Mint and the Express Company, by which you can be supplied. Please let me hear from you by return mail.

Yours Truly

Jas Pollock
Director
Mint

Wm. H. Oliver, Esq
New Berne N. C.

Nov. 15th 70

Dear Sir

In commemoration of your long and eminent services in the line of your beneficent profession, a bronze medal has been prepared at the Mint, with your profile, in relief, on one side, and a suitable inscrip=tion on the other; and I now have the honor herewith to forward it to you by the hand of Mr Barber, Engraver of the Mint, as a public tribute to your great merit, and as a token of my respect and regard.

Yours Very Truly

J. A. Pollock

Director of the Mint

Prof. Joseph Pancoast M. D.
Philadelphia

Nov. 17. 0.

Sir,

Yours of the 13th instant has been duly received. In reply, I have to say, that, since 1834, the gold coins of the U.S. are all of 1,000 parts, each, of which 900 parts are pure gold, and 100 parts alloy. That is, the coins are 9/10 fine pure gold.

The quality of U.S. gold coin before 1834, was by law 22 carats, or 916⅔ thousandths. It is now 900 thousandths, which is 21 6/10 carats.

We do not go by carats any longer, but by thousandths.

Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock

Director

Mr. P. K. Wiser,

Mankato,

Minn.

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Nov. 18. 0.

Sir,

I regret to say that the melted metal, by express, referred to in your letter of the 16th inst. was found upon examination by the Assayer, not to contain any silver. It appears to be zinc, merely, and has been returned to you by Express.

Respectfully Yours

J. A. Pollock

Director

Mr. A. M. Davis,
for P. A. Krise, Esq.
Lynchburg, Va.

Nov. 21. 0.

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 14th inst. has been received this morning.

In reply I have to state that the U.S. Mint has never issued, nor has Congress ever authorized, any gold coin of a smaller denomination than one dollar, or of a larger denomination than the double Eagle ($20.) You will therefore not be able to obtain the smaller denominations you mention.

In the early years of the gold developements in California, private parties there struck $50. and 50 and 25 cent gold pieces, but they were a local, temporary issue, and never sanctioned by the Government.

Respectfully Yours

J. A. Pollock
Director

Messrs Ford & Fuller
Albany, N. Y.

Nov. 22. 0

Dear Sir,

I am this morning in receipt of your favor of the 17th inst.

The Treasurer of the Mint is the legal custodian, under his official bond, of all coinage executed, and does not deliver the Small Coin except for cash at the Mint. I have arranged with them however in my own personal responsibility, to ship you 5 of nickels to the amount of $100. per week, C. O. D. for the next three months, as you request. The first lot will be Expressed to-morrow, and the second on the receipt of the returns from the first, and then $100. a week regularly thereafter, for the period named.

Yours Very Truly

Director

Wm. H. Oliver, Esq
New Bern N. C

Novem 23 70

Sir

I acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of your letter of Sept 30, with intenesting information respecting the coinage and bullion of Bolivia, and with specimens of silver coin. These last will be placed in the Cabinet of the Mint, where they will be seen by the numerous visitors.

You have not informed me how to pay for these, but as you are collecting other specimens for us, as an historical series, we will if you please wait for that. I may mention, that we have eleven pieces of Bolivia (besides what you sent) one gold, the rest silver; commencing with the early dollar, Bolivar in dress; then the same, with nude bust; half dollars

of both kinds, and a quarter, eighth, and sixteenth; then a doubloon, Bolivar clothed; finally a dollar and two halves, 1855, of a different head. — Pieces that are only medals, we have hardly room for, unless they are of peculiar interest.

With many thanks for your attention, I remain

Very respectfully yours &c.

Jas. Pollock

Director

Charles S. Rand Esq.
Acting U. S. Consul
La Paz
Bolivia

Nov. 30th 0

Sir

I have duly received your letter of the 25th inst. offering some Swedish nickel for sale.

In reply I have to say that the sample sent resembles that formerly purchased in small quantities by the Mint from Mr Aufmann, the Swedish Consul. We found it good enough for uses, but not equal to the american English, or German (best quality).

The Mint, however, has now a supply of nickel on hand, enough to last for several years, and we have no occasion to make any further purchases at this time.

Respectfully Yours

J. R. Snowden
Director

Jos. H. Bailey Esq.
New York

Dec. 1st 70

Sir

At the close of business on the 30th of November, ultimo, I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint, with the following result, viz.

Gold		$345.059.50
Silver		51.253.16
Ordinary Account		61.745.32
Copper fund		111.286.63
San Francisco Br. Mint		1.121.66
Denver	do	550.00
Charlotte	do	171.70
Carson City	do	989.11
Total		$572.177.08

which corresponds with his Books. I also made exam=

=ination into the general condition
and operations of the Mint
and the Institution was
found to be in good working
order, and its business
conducted in a careful
and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock

Director.

Hon. George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

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E. S. Renwick Esqr

Dear Sir,

I lament to hear of the death of Prof. Miller. His inventive skill has done honor to him, and its results will live after him.

This event somewhat confuses our plans for giving his process a trial. The expense of it would be small, and there is no necessity for obtaining authority from the Secretary; but it seems to me we ought to wait for the action of his executor, before we attempt to try his patent. Still more, we want to make such trial in the presence & by the aid of some one who has experience in the operation.

Probably these two requisites will come to us together, and without much delay. I therefore suggest that we wait to hear from the legal representative of Dr. Miller.

Very respectfully
your obt servant
Jas. Pollock
Director

Dec. 8. 0.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 26th ultimo was duly received. I arranged with the Express Company to refund the $1.50 charged you on the last shipment of 5¢ nickels; but as the Mint has no fund out of which to pay similar charges in the future, I regret to say that this hindrance will defeat your plan for continued shipments, C. O. D. A remittance by draft or certified check for whatever amount of nickels you may be inclined to order, seems to be the only feasible arrangement left open to us. Regretting that your good intentions in this matter are thus disappointed, I remain,

Yours Very Truly

Jas. Pollock
Director

Wm. St. Oliver, Esq
Newbern
N. C

Decr 15 0

Gentlemen,
~~Dear Sir~~,

Although our trials of the Mexican dollar of new devices, 1869-70, have been very limited, we find them 900½, a little better than our own, and quite equal to the general average of Mexican dollars, but not fully up to the fineness stated on the coin (902.7) nor to some others of recent dates, but of old devices. Still, if silversmiths find a difference in the working, it must be due to some other cause than the very small difference of fineness.

Very respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Director

Messrs. Mann & Rhodes
Boston (over)

If you send a few pieces, of which you stand in doubt, we will test them without charge, & return the value.

Dec. 20. 0.

Sir,

Enclosed I forward my official report of deposits and coinage for the month of November, last.

At the close of the current month I will forward a monthly statement of deposits and coinage for the preceding six months, as requested in your letter of the 16th inst.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury

ent

Dec. 20. 0.

Sir,

In reply to your inquiry of the 18th inst. I have to state that the name of Dr. J. H. Rae, does not appear as a depositor upon the books of the Mint. I am therefore unable to answer your inquiries in detail.

Respectfully Yours

J. A. Pollock
Director

Mr. Earnest Dickman,
Can of Mon's Run Coal Company,
Syracuse
N. Y.

Dec 29. 0

Sir,

I have investigated the alleged deficit of $5. in the amount of 5¢ nickels shipped you on the 24th inst. represented in your letter of the 26th inst. and find that the full sum of $85 26/100 was delivered by the Treasurer of the Mint to the Agent of the Adams Express Company, on your account. The Agent informs me that amount was immediately put up in a bag & sealed up, and in that condition left the Mint. The Mint, therefore, is not responsible for the deficit referred to, and your remedy would be against the Express Company; if you can prove any loss while in their custody.

Respectfully Yours

J. A. Pollock
Director

J. Jessop, Esq.
York, Pa.

P.S. I return the label enclosed in your letter

Dec 29. 0

Sir,

We forward you to day by Express, as per your request of the 22nd inst. $98. in 3 ¢ nickels, and returned 48 odd cents over; the nett proceeds of your shipment of nickel cents, as ascertained here.

I enclose a copy of the desired Circular with regard to the redemption of nickel cents. You will see we do not redeem in Currency.

The 5 ¢ nickels are redeemed in Currency, in Even Sums of $100.— by the Treas. U.S. or any Asst. Treas. U.S. by not by the Mint.

Respectfully Yours
Jas Pollock
Director
per H.

N. H. Harris, Esq. Cor.
Springfield, Mass.

Dec 29. 0

Sir,

The shipment of nickel cents mentioned in your letter of the 23rd inst. netted 394 lbs as weighed here, and in Exchange we send you by Express, today, $386 12/100 in 5 ¢ nickels, and 140 old nickels on. The nickel cents are not redeemable in currency. The 5 ¢ nickels are redeemable in currency, in sums of $100. by the Treas. U.S. or any Asst Treas. U.S. but not by the Mint.

Respectfully Yours
Jas Pollock
Director

J. W. Bixby, Esq.
Keokuk, Iowa.

Jany. 2d 71

Sir

At the close of business on the 31st of December, 1870 I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint, with the following result, viz—

Gold	$102.908.50
Silver	37.682.56
Ordinary Account	39.685.16
Coj per fund	155.363.88
San Francisco Br. Mint	1.121.66
Denver "	550.00
Charlotte "	171.70
Carson City "	978.46
Total	$338.461.92

which corresponds with his Books. I also made

examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint, and the Institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. A. Pollock

Director

Hon George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Jany 3. 70.

Sir

Enclosed I forward my official report of Deposits and Coinage at the Mint during the month of December, 1870.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pollock

Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell

Secretary of the Treasury

Jan. 4th 71

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will call the attention of the President to the necessity of appointing Special Commissioners for the Annual Assay which will take place at the Mint on the second Monday in February next (13th) under the provisions of the 32d Section of the Act of Congress of January 18th 1837.

It has been customary for several years past, for the Director to suggest the names of suitable persons for Assay Commissioners. I therefore respectfully submit the names of the following gentlemen for the consideration of the

President, viz.

Prof. Joseph Henry, Washington D.C
Prof. Jno. Torrey, U.S. Assay office N.Y.
Prof. Jas. McClune, Phila. High School
Hon A. E. Borie, Philadelphia
Prof. Fairman Rogers do
Geo. H. Stuart Esq do
Hon Morton McMichael do

As it is important that there should be a quorum present on the day of meeting, I have presented the names of five gentlemen of this city, any three, or all of whom, I hope it will be agreeable to the President to appoint. Two of them, with the ex-officio Commissioners, will insure us a quorum. The number of Special Commissioners is not limited by law It has been customary to appoint from

six to eight.

The appointments should be made and the gentlemen designated notified thereof as early as convenient, in order that they may have time to make the necessary preparations for leaving home.

Very Respectfully Yours

Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Jany 6. 1

Dear Sir,

Your inquiry of the 5th inst. is at hand this morning.

The principal smelting house on this side the Atlantic, is that of E. Balbach & Co. at Newark, N. J. All the silver ore from the new mine on Silver Island, Lake Superior, is taken there. The richer kind of ore of Colorado, goes there to some extent; but part of it is shipped to Swansea, Wales, where the recovery of copper (if present in the ore) pays the expense of shipment.

In Colorado, and other western mining regions a large proportion of the ore containing lead, is smelted at private establishments near the mines.

Respectfully Yours

J. A. Pollock
Director

L. W. Brodhead, Esq.
Delaware Water Gap.

Jany 7. 71.

Sir,

In compliance with your request of the 16th ult. (J. J. K.) I herewith transmit a detailed monthly statement of deposits and Coinage at the Branch Mint, for the six months ending Dec. 31. 1870.

Very Respectfully,

Jos. Pollock

Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington, D.C.

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Janry. 9th 71

Sir

I have to report augmenting deposits and increasing activi=ty in the demand for silver coinage and bars, with every prospect of a still greater increase in the immediate future. With our present limited and insufficient silver bullion fund, we can=not readily do justice to depositors, and at the same time, operate with sufficient safety to the Government.

I enclose a copy of a communication, to me, on the subject, from our Melter and Refiner, to whose statements I invite your attention; and

respectfully request that, in accordance with the Act of May 23d 1850, you will procure from the President of the United States, directions for the transfer of the sum of One hundred thou= =sand dollars ($100.000) by the Treasurer of the United States or his Assistant in this City, to the Treasurer of the Mint, for the purpose of increasing the silver bullion fund of this institution by that amount, to meet our urgent necessities in that direction.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Jany 16. 1.

Sir,

Yours of the 13th inst recd this morning.

The coinage of nickel cents was arrested by Congress in 1864, since which time none have been struck. It is therefore out of my power to furnish any new nickel cents.

Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Director

To
Fred L. Hanks, Esq
No. 754 Broadway
New York

January 19 71

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 12th inst. (post-marked the 13th) was rec'd. on Monday last. Severe indisposition has prevented an earlier reply.

I do not now propose to make any extended suggestions relating to the coinage laws and write more particularly to say that I would be much pleased to have a personal interview with you on the subject, before final action is taken by your committee. Will you be in Philadelphia this week, or next? If so we can then consult fully & freely on the provisions of the laws.

My views on the policy of creating a new officer as chief of a bureau at Washington to be styled "The Director &c." were fully expressed in my letter to the Secretary of the Treasury of January 28th 1870. See Ex. Doc. No 307. Ho. of Rp. 2d Sess. 41st Congress. page 9.

In the same letter pages 12 & 13. I have given

my views on the proposed nickel coinage of one, three and five cent pieces; as also on the redemption of the base coinage of the U. States, I believe these provisions to be impolitic and unnecessary, and if adopted be useless to the people and financially injurious to the Government.

The whole dollar. The proposed omission from our coinage of the whole silver dollar was approved by me in former communications; but more mature reflection, and consultation with commercial men have satisfied me, that I was in error. The silver dollar at its present legal weight & fineness is our great commercial coin, & the demand for its coinage has been very great, and is increasing. My opinion now is, that the old law authorizing its coinage should be retained.

Weastage & allowance. The Bill as it passed the Senate is defective in the allowance for weastage: but as I learn from our C. Comes that the increase proposed by him has been approved by your Committee, this defect will be removed if your action is sustained.

Deposites of Silver bullion. Secs 27. and 28 of C.B.

These sections, so far as they change existing laws, are objectionable. They convert the Government into bullion brokers, and attempt, at least, to make gold and silver par with each other in the market. No deposites of silver bullion for coinage are allowed and no purchase of the same payable in Silver Coin is permitted. The Government must purchase with gold and Exchange silver coin for gold; the depositor receiving pay in bars, or losing the difference in Exchange of gold and silver. The Act of last Session of Feby 21st 1853, on this subject is much better than the proposed change, both for depositor and Government. I need not now enlarge.

Appointments of the Superintendents

The proviso in the 4th Sec. of the bill "that no person shall be appointed to employment in the Offices of the Assays Melters & Refiners &c. Except on the recommendation & nomination in writing of those Officers respectively" is, I fear of more than doubtful propriety or expediency. If we create an imperium in imperio, we endanger discipline — invite disorganization and lessen

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responsibility in all the Departments. The present law on this subject for more than half a century, has been unexceptionable in its execution & results.

I have hastily made these suggestions & will be pleased to see you or hear from you on these matters,

Yours very Respectfully.

J. A. Pollock

Hon William D Kelly,

Dir.

Jany 21. 1.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that on the 13th day of January, inst: I deposited with the Asst Treas. U.S. in this City, to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, the sum of Twenty five hundred Dollars, on account of profits from the Medal Department of the Mint; and I herewith enclose the "original" certificate of the same.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

January 23. 71.

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Forty Eight Thousand
Three Hundred & Seventy five —

July 1. 70.

9,475.
31,250.
6,250.
150.
1,250.
$48,375.

Jas. Pollock
Director

Geo. A. Rantwell

Jany 24 1.

Sir,

Yours of the 21st at hand.

The nickel cents will be redeemed in 3 ¢ and 5 ¢ nickels in accordance with the terms of the enclosed circular.

The 5 ¢ nickels will be redeemed by the Treas. U.S. or any Asst Treas. U.S. when presented in sums of $100. or any multiple of $100. They are not redeemed by the Mint.

There is no law authorizing the redemption of the 3 ¢ nickels, or of the 1 ¢ and 2 ¢ copper or bronze coins, and they are therefore not redeemable.

Respectfully Yours

J. A. Pollock
Director

D. C. Bascom, Esq Cas
Brandon, Vt.

Jany 24. 1.

Gentlemen,

The 1½ lbs of ore, referred to in your letter of the 16th inst, just received, duly reached the Mint, together with the five dollars for the assay; and the report of the Assayer was mailed to Mr. Lebkesher on the 13th of this month. I presume it has been received before this time.

Respectfully Yours

J. A. Rouch
Director

Messrs
E. H. & L. Keister
Spring Place
Geo.

Jany 24 1

Gentlemen

Your accepted bill for the Mint subscription for the Congressional Globe for the present session, came to hand this morning; and enclosed I forward Five Dollars in payment of the same.

Respectfully Yours

J. A. Rusch
Director

To Messrs
F. & J. Rives & Geo. A. Bailey.
Washington, D.C.

Feb. 1st 71

Sir

At the close of business on the 31st ultimo, I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint, with the following result, viz.

Gold	$47,686.50
Silver	166,738.54
Ordinary fund	27,554.63
Copper fund	116,853.25
San Francisco Br. Mint	983.87
Denver " "	535.50
Charlotte " "	171.70
Carson City " "	975.76
Total	$361,499.75

which corresponds with his Books.

I also made examination into the general condition and operations

of the Mint, and the institution was found to be in good working order, and its busi= =ness conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. R. Snowden
Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Feb. 1st 71

Sir

Enclosed I forward my official statement of deposits and coinage at the Mint of the United States during the Month of January 1871.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock.
Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Feb 2. 1.

Gentlemen,

Your offer of the 21st ult. of 28 casks Minnesota ingot copper @ 23½ cents, delivered, as usual, was duly received. As alloy for gold and silver, we have enough of this copper on hand to last for many years. For the ordinary cent coinage it is too good and costly, and our base coinage has, at any rate, largely fallen off. Whilst thanking you, therefore, for your proposition, our necessities are not such at present as to justify me in accepting it.

Yours Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Director

Messrs
Hendricks Brothers
49 Cliff Street
New York

Feb 2. 1.

Dear Sir,

Will you be good enough to advise me whether you have yet paid or expect soon to receive, any tidings from Dr. Miller's Executors, with regard to the disposition to be made of his Chlorine process for refining gold and silver?

We are ready and willing to give the process a fair trial at this institution, as soon as arrangements can be made with the Executors for that purpose.

Please favor me with a line in reply, & oblige

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Director

E. S. Renwick, Esq
19 Park Place
New York

Feby 21

Messrs Dana & Silliman
Gentlemen

In order to comply with the Rules by which we are bound, will you please sign the Receipts (one of the firm signing, and not a clerk or agent) and return it to us, when the money will be sent at once.

I regret to discontinue your valuable Journal, but a necessary outlay for magazines to more nearly concerned with meintage, seems to oblige me thus to curtail. If not against the rules at this date, please discontinue the Mint copy.

Having rec'd the numbers for January and February, their cost should be added to your Bill.

Respectfully yours
J. A. Pollock
Director

Feb. 6th 71

Dear Sir

In pursuance of the Act of Congress, the Annual Assay of the Gold and Silver coinage of the United States for the past year will be made at the Mint in this City on the second Monday, the 13th of February, instant.

Under the terms of the law the Judge of the District Court of the U.S. Eastern Dist. of Penna; is "Ex-Officio" one of the Assay Commissioners; and I shall be pleased to see you at the Mint at 10 o'clock A.M. on the 13th instant, to enter upon the performance of your designated official duties

Very Respectfully Yours

J. Ross Snowden
Director

Hon Jno. Cadwallader
Judge U.S. Dist. Court.
Philadelphia

Feby. 6th 71

Dear Sir

In pursuance of the Act of Congress, the Annual Assay of the Gold and Silver Coinage of the United States for the past year, will be made at the Mint in this City on the second Monday, the 13th of February instant. Under the terms of the law, the U. S. District Attorney for the Eastern Dist. of Penna. is, "Ex-officio" one of the Assay Commissioners; and I shall be pleased to see you at the Mint at 10 o'clock a.m. on the 13th inst, to enter upon the performance of your designated official duties.

Very Respectfully Yours

A. Loudy
Director

Hon Aubrey H. Smith
U. S. District Attorney
Philadelphia

Feby. 6th 71

Dear Sir

In pursuance of the Act of Congress, the Annual Assay of the Gold and Silver coinage of the United States for the past year, will be made at the Mint in this City on the second Monday, the 13th of February instant.

Under the terms of the law the Collector of the Port is "Ex-officio" one of the Assay Commissioners; and I shall be pleased to see you at the Mint at 10 o'clock A.M. on the 13th inst, to enter upon the performance of your designated official duties.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock

Director

Hon H. D. Moore

Collector of the Port, Phila'da.

Feb. 6. 71.

Hon H R Linderman

Washington D C

Dear Sir,

I have this morning received your favor of the 5th inst. advising me of the unexpected action of the House of Representatives in cutting down my Estimate for the incidental Expenses of the Mint, from $35,000. to $25,000.

When we had the use of so much of the available profits of the Mint, as was necessary to the smooth and successful working of this Institution, an appropriation of $25,000. for incidentals was sufficient; but since the available profits are required to be covered into the Treasury, an addition of $10,000. to our appropriation for incidental Expenses, is absolutely indispensable to enable us to do justice to depositors. A failure to obtain the

desired increase will cripple and embarrass our operations; and this surely cannot be the intention of Congress. You are thoroughly familiar, from official Experience, with this question, and I shall be greatly obliged if you will call the attention of the Finance Committee of the Senate to this subject, and Explain to Hon. Cornelius Cole, Acting Chairman of this Committee, the urgent necessity for increasing our appropriation for accidental Expenses to the sum of $35,000. as per my original Estimate, submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Yours Very Truly

A. A. Wood

Director

Feb 7. 1

Sir,

Enclosed I forward the Statistics, so far as this Mint is concerned, for the last four calendar years, called for in your letter of the 24th ult.

For the desired Statistics from the Branch Mints I would suggest that you communicate with the officers in charge of those institutions; a list of which I enclose. I find that some of the monthly reports from the Branches for some of the former years have been mislaid, after being used in the compilation of the reports of the fiscal year, & a statement for the calendar year would be incomplete.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Director

R. W. Raymond, Esq
U.S. Com'r of Mining &c
New York

Feb. 7. 71.

Sir,

The Treasurer of the Mint has received within the last ten days, by your order, to be credited to our bullion fund; $35,000. from the Asst Treasurer at New York, and $50,000. from the Asst Treasurer in this City. About $35,000 of this amount was in old quarters, and some $25,000, in old half dollars. These quarter dollars are of no use for payments, as we have no demand for that denomination of Coin; and depositors refuse to receive the old half dollars by tale. I therefore respectfully ask permission to have them recoined, and that you give me authority to issue a warrant to the Treasurer

of the Mint, for the amount of the loss, to be credited in his account of the bullion fund, or adjust the loss (from abrasion to which will be about 5 ozs. per $1,000. on the quarters, and 4 ozs. per $1,000. on the halves,) in any way that you may deem most advisable.

Very Respectfully Yours.

J. W. Pollock
Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D. C.

Feb 9. 1.

Sir,

Your order of the 8th inst for $600. in 3 ¢ nickels, together with a transfer draft for that amount, has been received this morning. The coin will be forwarded to you by Express today.

Very Respectfully,

J. A. Pollock
Director.

Hon F. E. Spinner
Treasurer, U.S.
Washington D.C.

Feb. 10. 1.

Gentlemen

Enclosed I remit seven dollars, in full for the American Journal of Science, up to February, 1871 – which terminates our subscription.

Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Director

Messrs
Dana & Silliman,
New Haven,
Conn.

Bullion Refining.

To the Editor of the New York Times:

A statement appears in your paper of the 6th. inst. in which it is said that the Director of the Mint refuses to reduce the rates for Bullion Refining, at the Mint and Assay-Office.

The statement is not correct.

That officer has simply postponed action on that subject for a few weeks, for two reasons:

First, a Bill is now before Congress, likely soon to become a law, which vests his powers in this matter in another officer at Washington; so that this is not a proper time to make a change.

Second, there is a more important reason in the fact, that for some months past the Mint has been looking to the adoption of better, quicker, and cheaper modes of refining and parting, than those used at the Mint or at the Assay Office. At this moment,

the Inventor of the Chlorine Process, Francis Bowyer Miller Esq., formerly Assayer and now Melter and Refiner of the Mint at Sydney, Australia, is engaged in setting up his apparatus in the Mint, with a view to large experiments. His method is in full operation in the great gold regions of Australia and New Zealand, and has lately been adopted in the London Mint. It is believed to be a great advance in the art of Gold Refining, and will probably afford a lower rate of charge than the old Sulphuric Acid Process, used in the Assay office at New York.

The Mint has also erected a Reverberatory Peat Furnace, for Silver Refining, known to be cheaper than the modes in use at the Assay office; but requiring more time for experimenting, and therefore not yet giving a settled basis for a new rate of charge.

U. S. M.

Philadelphia, February 10.

Feb 10. 1

To the Editor of the
New York Times

Sir,

For the public information, and as an act of justice to all parties, I have to ask that you will do me the favor to publish the enclosed Statement of facts in the Times.

Yours Respectfully
H. G. Nichols

Feb 11. 1

Sir,

Your remittance of the 3rd inst. $50. Gold, dft on N.Y. has been received.

The Mint executes coinage for depositors of bullion, but does not keep coin for sale or exchange. In this instance, however, I will as a matter of accommodation, comply with your request, and by Monday next the 13th inst., the 5¢ and 10¢ silver pieces ordered in your letter, will be forwarded to you by Express.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Director

Wm. H. Thompson, Esq. Cas.
St. Louis, Mo.

Feby 13th 71

Sir

Enclosed please find Adams Express Co's Receipt for Fifty Dollars, in Five and Ten cent Silver pieces, which were Shipped this morning in compliance with your request of the 3rd inst.

Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock
Director

M H Thomas Esq
Cash Boatmen's Savgs Institution
St Louis Mo

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Feb 15. 1.

Gentlemen,

Your favor of the 13th inst. has been duly received. The over-shipment of 5 ¢ nickels, which you announce, and have so kindly returned, was not the fault of the Treasurer's Cashier, who always fills these orders, but was a mistake on the part of the Express Agent to whom they were delivered, and who was at a loss to know where to look for the missing $50. bag. He desires me to thank you for your promptness in rectifying this inadvertance.

I am

Very, Truly Yours

Jas. Powell

Director

Messrs

Rogers, Knowles & Co.

Bankers

Palmyra, N. Y.

February 15th 71

Hon Robt C. Winthrop
President of the Trustees of
the Peabody Education Fund.

My dear Sir

Learning from the morning papers that the distinguished body of gentlemen over whom you preside is now in session in our city, I have the honor to extend to yourself and to them a most cordial invitation to visit the Mint of the United States, on any day that may suit their pleasure and convenience, between the hours of 9 A.M. and 12 M, to examine this institution and witness its operations.

I am with great respect,
Your Obedient Servant

Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint

P. S. The hours named are best suited for the purposes of a visit. If this invitation be accepted please send me word what day I may expect you.

Feby 16th 71

Sir

Your letter of the 12th inst, inquiring as to the legality of Gold half dollars, is received.

There is no law authorizing the coinage of Gold half dollars by the U.S. Mints.

Pieces of that description have been issued by private parties in San Francisco, and if they are gold, are worth only about thirty cents

Respectfully Yours
James Pollock
Director
per Vogel

To
J.B. Clemens Esq
P.O. Box 2540
St Louis

February 24th 71

Hon John Cadwalader
Judge District Court United States
and Ex-Officio Chairman U. S. Assay
Commission

Sir,

I have the honor to herewith place in your hands a certified copy of the proceedings of the Assay Commission, at their late session in this city — for transmission to the President of the United States, as per resolution of the Commission to that effect.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
H C Hickok
Secretary Commission

Feby 24 1

Sir

The sample of gold sent by you is evidently of good quality. Your best plan is to send on the whole lot, and have it melted and assayed according to the regular routine. You will be sure to get the full value. What you sent, (weighing 0.047 oz.) will be added to it.

Yours &c
Jos Pollock
Director

Mr. Jesse Benson
New Carlisle
Clark Co
Ohio

Feb. 25. 1

Sir,

Enclosed I forward for your consideration, a certified copy of the Minutes of the proceedings of the Assay Commissioners at their session in this City last week.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury

Feb 27. 1.

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 20th inst, enclosing Thirty Dollars, was received this morning, and is as follows viz.

"Adel, Iowa, Feb 20. 1871."

"Director Mint,

"Philadelphia, Pa.

"Please send via U.S. Ex. "to DeSota Thirty Dollars $30 # Enclosed "find U.S. Notes for Thirty Dollars.

"Yours Resplly

"J. Risser & Son."

I suppose you want small coins, Will you please inform me what denominations I shall send, and whether DeSota, is in Iowa, or one of the adjoining States. I enclose a circular for your information.

Respectfully Yours

J. P. Pollock
Director

Messrs J. Risser & Son,
Adel, Iowa.

March 1st 71

Sir

At the close of business on the 28th ultimo, I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint, with the following result, viz.

Gold		$257.682.07
Silver		115.347.18
Ordinary fund		64.024.59
Copper fund		221.980.51
San Francisco Br. Mint		7.648.47
Denver	"	513.15
Charlotte	"	171.70
Carson City	"	1.132.06
Total		$668.499.73

which corresponds with his Books.

I also made examination into the general condition and

operations of the Mint, and the institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. C. Pollock

Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

March 2. 71

Sir,

Enclosed I forward my official Statement of Deposits and Coinage at the Mint of the United States during the month of February, 1871.

Very Respectfully

J. Pollock

Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell

Secretary of the Treasury

March 3. 1

Sir,

Your letter of the 2nd inst enclosing transfer draft on Philadelphia for Two Hundred ($200.) dollars, and requesting that amount in 5 & 10 bills to be forwarded to T. R. Farnsworth, Cashier of the De Soto Bank, Memphis, Tenn. has been duly received. The bills will be forwarded without delay.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Director

Hon. H. T. Spinner
Treas. U. S.
Washington D.C.

March 7. 71.

Sir,

In pursuance of the instructions contained in your letter of the 24th ult. respecting the recoinage of a portion of the One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.) in Silver received for the credit of the Bullion Fund, I enclose herewith a statement showing the deviations of $45,000. together with the entire loss on this amount in the process of recoining, viz $1,242 40/100, which loss arises principally from receiving the Coin as Silver Bullion for recoinage, at $1.22½ per oz, the new coin being issued at $1.25 per oz.

Your instructions to charge this loss to the Silver Profit & Loss account cannot consistently be complied with, from the fact that both the Bullion Fund and the Silver Profit

and Loss accounts are representative accounts of the Mint, and cannot be interchanged to each other. As it was not discovered that the coin would have to be remelted and recoined until after the Silver Coinage account and Bullion Fund had been charged and credited therewith, it has been necessary to withdraw $45,000. for that purpose. This will require a counter entry to the Bullion Fund and Silver Coinage accounts, and the coin be deposited to the debit of Silver Bullion, following its course as other deposits, and the net sum charged to Silver Coinage, and placed to the credit of the U.S. Bullion Fund. The Loss on this deposit can be recovered by a Transfer Draft on the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

and the amount charged to Silver Coinage, [illegible] duly credited to the U.S. Bullion Fund; and I respectfully recomment that this be done, accordingly.

Very Respectfully Yours.

Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

March 9. 71

Sir,

Enclosed please find receipt of the Adams Express Company for one box containing 200 ozs granulated silver, for D. E. Walker, photographer of the Treasury Department, ordered in your letter of the 6th inst. "A.R.M. Atty". I also enclose duplicate receipted bills for the price of the silver, $279.20/100 in silver coin, which I will thank you to remit by Express, in half dollars, or by coin draft, to my order.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington D.C.

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March 16. 1.

Gentlemen,

Yours of the 15th is at hand. The freight on pennies and 3 ¢ pieces returned for redemption, must be paid by the parties sending. The Government has no arrangement and assumes no responsibility on that point.

The coins must come to us assorted, Each kind by itself, and not mixed. There are three kinds of cents viz,

1. Old copper cents (of date prior to 1857)
2. Nickel copper cents (dated 1857 to 1864)
3. Bronze cents. (from 1864 down.)

These three classes must come to us separated, not mixed.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director

Messrs.
Poole, Nazro, Kimball & Co
New York

Mch 17. 1

Sir,

Yours of the 15th inst at hand. The Coins you want redeemed can be sent to the Mint, at your own Expense; Each Kind separate, not mixed; with your name, post office, County and State, endorsed on the box or package, and a Statement of the number of Each Kind of Coins it Contains, to the Asst Treas. U.S. You whose you will the draft drawn.

There are three Kinds of one cent pieces; the Copper cents prior to 1857; the Copper-Nickel cents from 1857 to 1864; and the bronze cents from 1864 to date. These Kinds must be separated before they come to us.

The package can be addressed "U.S. Mint, Philadelphia. Pa."

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Director

C. J. Reed, Esq.
Honesdale,
Pa

Mch 17. 1.

Gentlemen,

Yours of the 15th is at hand. The Act of Congress contemplates the redemption of all the U.S. copper, bronze, & nickel coins; but as the only object of the redemption is to relieve the community of any local redundancy, it would not be worth while to return any coin which are needed for circulation in your region. You can send any that you desire to have redeemed, to the Mint, at your own expense; each kind of coin separate, not mixed; with your name, P.O. and State on the outside of the package, together with a Statement of the number of each kind of coin it contains; and state on what Ass't Treas. U.S. you wish the draft to be drawn. The Circular of the Secretary of the Treasury has been printed in the newspapers, but I have none for distribution. The copper cents, prior to 1857; the nickel cents from 1857 to 1864; and bronze cents since 1864, must come to us separate, not mixed. So with the other coins.

Yours Respectfully

J. A. Rowell
Director

Messrs. Ravens, MacKinlay & Co.
Ottawa, Illinois.

Mch 18. 1.

Gentlemen,

Yours of the 15th is at hand. The 3¢ and 5¢ nickel coins are redeemed when forwarded in separate packages of $20. or any multiple of $20. Also the 2¢ bronze pieces, in like sums. There are three kinds of 1¢ pieces. The copper cents prior to 1857; the nickel copper cents from 1857 to 1864; and the bronze cents since the latter date. These should come to us separate not mixed, and in sums of not less than $20. each. The box should contain a schedule of its contents, with a designation of the Asst. Treas. U.S. on whom the returns draft should be drawn.

Yours Respectfully

J. V. Pollock
Director

Messrs
Houghton, McCord & Co
Milwaukie, Wis.

Mch 18. 1

Sir,

Yours of the 16th is at hand.

You can send 1, 2, 3, and 5 ¢. copper, nickel, or bronze coins to the Mint for redemption, by Express, at your own Expense. They should be carefully assorted and separated before shipment, each kind by itself, in sums of $20. or any multiple of $20. There are three kinds of cents:- The copper cents prior to 1857; the nickel-copper cents from 1857 to 1864; and the bronze cents since the latter date. These must come to us separate, not mixed; in sums of not less than $20. each. Send in the box a Schedule of its contents, with your P.O. address, and designate the Asst. Treas. U. S. on whom the draft should be drawn.

Yours Respectfully

J. A. Garrett
Director

H. C. Nellis, Esq., Cas.
Painesville, O.

March 18. 1.

Sir,

Please favor me, at your early convenience, with a copy of such portions of the Appropriation and Deficiency bills for the ensuing fiscal year, as relate to the Mint and Branches.

Yours Very Respectfully

J. R. Snowden

Director

Hon. Jeremiah S. Black

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington D.C.

March 20th 71

Sir

The Mint is likely to be embarrassed by the manner in which base coinage is returned for redemption; the different denominations mixed together instead of being assorted and separated.

One package received, of $100, required the services of one man eight hours (the legal working day) to assort, separate and count; nearly the whole of the time being consumed in assorting. At the wages of $3. per diem the cost to the Government would be nearly 3 per cent, of the amount redeemed, for assorting, merely, which ought to be done by the parties desiring the redemption, and not by the Mint.

As the amount to be redeemed

promises to be large, and thus far
few even sums have been received,
it would be an expensive and well
nigh endless task to assort and
count by hands. The counting
boards are not adapted to differ=
=ent sizes of coin at the same time;
nor is it convenient to use them
for less than a full board.
all fractional sums would,
therefore, have to be counted
mainly by the single piece. If the
coins sent for redemption come to
us in mixed lots, in sums of
less than $20 unassorted and
unseparated, as they are now
coming, the whole work will
have to be done by hand counting;
occasioning great delay and
expense, and requiring an
increase of force to meet the
exigencies of the occasion.

I presume the intendment of the Act of March 3d 1871 was to redeem not less than $20 of any one denomination. Get $20 packages come to me made up of several different denominations and kinds unequally; and few packages are in even sums.

In view of these difficulties, and of the instructions contained in your letter of the 13th inst; requiring me to report monthly to your Department "the amount of each kind and denomination of coins redeemed", I would suggest that a supplemental circular to the following purport be issued by the Department, or authority granted to me to issue it. Such a circular distributed directly from the Mint, would be a great con-

-veniece, as every mail brings letters of inquiry upon these points.

Proposed Circular.

"Each denomination and kind of copper, nickel or bronze coins forwarded to the Mint for redemption, must be in even sums of not less than $20, or any multiple of $20. The coins must be assorted before shipment by the party sending them; each denomination by itself, and not two or more kinds mixed.

"There are three kinds of one cent pieces, viz copper cents prior to 1857; nickel copper cents from 1857 to 1864 and bronze cents from 1864 to 1877. These must come to the Mint separate, and not mixed, each kind in even sums

of $20 as above.

"As the only object of the redemption is to relieve the community of any local redundancy, it is not undesirable to return any coins needed for circulation.

"Each box or package should contain a schedule of its contents, with the name and Post office address of the party sending it; & designating the U.S. Assistant Treasurer on whom the return draft should be drawn.

"A duplicate schedule should at the same time be transmitted to the Director of the Mint by mail.

The express charges to be paid by the party forwarding the coins for redemption."

Desiring to hear from you in

reply at your earliest convenience,
I have to add that arrangements
have been made to receive,
count and store the coins, and
that receipts will be issued as
soon as blanks can be printed

Very Respectfully Yours

Director

Hon. George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

March 20th 71

Sir

Your letter of the 16th inst directing the mode of adjusting the loss by abrasion on the $45,000 added to the Bullion Fund, and withdrawn for re-coinage, has been received

The mode of adjustment as stated in my former letter was in accordance with the practice heretofore adopted in similar cases - the result being practically the same; but on the receipt of your letter I requested the Treasurer to comply with its directions and state the amount in the form suggested.

After careful consideration by the Chief Book-Keeper & Accountant Mr Cowperthwaite, I received from him on behalf of the Treasurer a letter (a copy of which I enclose) stating that they had complied with the directions in all things except charging the loss by abrasion to the "Silver Profit & Loss a/c" and giving reasons for not doing so, and for adopting

the mode herewith submitted.

The account herewith enclosed, credits the Bullion Fund with the amount already received - shows the loss by abrasion to be 279 51/100 oz at $1.25 per oz = $349.39/100 to be made good to the bullion fund by a transfer draft of a similar amount in coin, and fully and practicall, conforms to the suggestions of your letter.

As the Bullion Fund is credited with the amount actually received, being the $100,000 less the abrasion $349.39 = $99,650,61, the transfer draft may or may not be issued at the pleasure of the Department

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Director

Hon Geo S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C

Mch 20. 1.

Sir,

Yours of the 16th is at hand.

Each denomination and kind of U.S. copper, nickel and bronze coins, separate and not mixed, will be redeemed, when forwarded by Express, prepaid, in even sums of $20. or any multiple of $20.

Copper cents prior to 1857; nickel & copper cents from 1857 to 1864; and bronze cents since 1864, must come separately, in even sums of $20. as above.

The box, or keg, or package, should contain a schedule of its contents, with the name and P.O. address of the party sending it; and stating, also, on what Ass't Treas. U.S. the return transfer draft should be drawn. A duplicate schedule should at the same time be transmitted to me by mail.

The only object of the redemption is to relieve the community of any local redundancy.

Yours Respectfully

J. C. Pollock

Director

Mr. D. F. Brenner,

Chicago, Ill.

March 21st 71

Sir

Your letter of the 17th inst, inquiring whether you can exchange Spanish, French or American coins, for the U S coinage of this year, is received, and in reply I have to inform you that the Mint does <u>not</u> exchange old coins for new; but you can get the new coins by sending foreign coin as bullion on the terms of the enclosed circular.

You cannot get dollars for any but the current year

Respectfully Your
obt. servt
Director

W. F. Bowers Esq
Springfield
Mass

March 22 /

Mr Henry Troemner

Dear Sir

You will please make for the Branch Mint. U.S. at San Francisco a "Standard balance," for the purpose of testing and adjusting Weights &c., upon the terms and conditions, and of the kind and quality set forth in your proposal for making the same, dated and received this day March 22. 1871

Yours Respectfully

Director

Mch 23. 1.

Sir,

I am this morning in receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, requesting a copy of our "present contract with the Express Companies for the transportation of Copper and other token coins to the Mint."

In reply, I have to say that we have no such contract or arrangement with the Express Companies. Parties sending in base coinage for redemption prepay their own freight.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell

Secretary of the Treasury

Mch 24. 1

Sir

Yours of the 23rd is at hand.

Our arrangements for receiving counting and storing copper and nickel coins sent in for redemption, are not yet completed.

The Express agent informs me that your box is at their depot, with many others.

We expect to be able to take charge of it, and send you a formal receipt, in the course of the coming week.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Director

Jas. McKeehan, Esq., Cashier,
Newville, Pa.

Mch 25. 1.

Sir,

Yours of the 23rd is at hand.

The Mint will execute coinage for depositors of bullion, on the terms of the enclosed Circular, but does not keep coin for sale.

Respectfully Yours

J. R. Poinsett

Director

Thomas Squires, Esq.
Albany, N. Y.

Mch 30. 1.

Sir,

Yours of the 29th inst. enclosing your transfer draft to my order, on the Asst. Treas. U.S. at Philadelphia, for $1,000. and requesting me to send you that amount in 5 ¢ nickel coin, has been received this morning.

The coin will be forwarded to you by Express, to-day.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Director

Hon. L. L. Tuttle,
Asst Treas. U.S.
Washington, D.C.

April 1. 71

Sir,

At the close of business on the 31st ult. I made the usual monthly count and examination of the moneys in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint, with the following result, viz:

Gold	$ 366,843.89
Silver	50,264.89
Ordinary Fund	42,201.93
Copper do	211,073.38
San Francisco Br. Mint,	7,648.47
Denver Br. Mint,	573.15
Charlotte Br Mint	161.20
Carson Br Mint	1,132.06
Base coinage redemption,	5,682.53
	$ 685,520.90

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint,

and the Institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director

Hon. Geo. S. Bantwell

Secretary of the Treasury

April 1 1

Dear Sir

At the great Northwick sale of Coins, in London, a silver coin of Gades (the ancient Cadiz as you know) sold for two shillings, altho' catalogued as "very rare and fine." Copper coins of the same, brought sixpence, to a shilling. This cheapness is surprising, but it shows that little interest is taken in this class of coins. We have none in the Mint Cabinet; but as they can be had so low, we would not be warranted in offering much more than as above stated. The owner will probably prefer to keep it as a curiosity.

Respectfully yours
Jas. Pollock
Director

Mr Amory Edwards
Bay 1760
Newport

April 1. 1

Gentlemen,

Your letter of March 28. 1871, has been duly received.

We will make the desired assay, as a matter of accommodation, if you will send us about a pound of the ore, by express, prepaid. The charge for the assay will be Five Dollars, which you will please remit, at the same time.

Yours Respectfully

Director

Messrs.
C. W. Cashay & Co.
Cherry Fork,
Ohio

Apl 3. 1.

Sir,

Enclosed I transmit my official report of Deposits and Coinage at this Institution during the month of March, 1871.

I also transmit Statement of Base coinage redeemed during the same month.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell

Secretary of the Treasury

April 3. 71.

Sir,

Your letter of the 1st inst. has been duly received.

In reply to your inquiries I enclose a couple of circulars, and herewith mail you a copy of my last annual report. From the latter you learn (page 3.) that the coinage of gold at the Mint and its Branches, during the fiscal year ending June 30. 1870, was $22,257,312.50

The amount of silver coined into whole dollars during the same period was $588,308. (See page 21.)

The lesser silver coinage is not subject to a coinage charge, because the silver for making it is obtained by purchase (see enclosed silver deposit circular) at a rate shifting with the silver market, but sufficient to make a

decent margin of profit. This part of the Coinage, therefore, does not come within your inquiry.

I understand the latest proposition is to make a charge of one fifth (1/5th) of one per cent on coin and bars; which rate would about pay the Expenses of Coinage.

Yours Very Truly

Jas Pollock

Director

Hon. J. B. Chaffee, M.C.

Washington D.C.

April 10. 1

Sir,

Your letter of the 8th inst. enclosing sight draft on N. Y. for $200. and requesting a return of that amount in new 5¢ pieces of 1871, has been duly received this morning.

We are not coining 5¢ nickels now, and cannot furnish those of the date of 1871, but can send you those of 1870, clean and bright. If they will answer your purpose, please let me know. I will retain the draft until I get your instructions.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director

Stephen H. Norman, Esq
Cas, Aquidneck Nat. Bk
Newport, R. I.

April 10th /

Sir

We have recently tested, on a pretty large scale, the Chlorine Process of refining Gold, and of separating Silver from Gold, invented by Professor Miller of the Sydney Mint, Australia, and now extensively used in Australia, New Zealand, and at the London Mint. We had the advantage of the presence and instruction of the Inventor himself. The results were highly satisfactory, in various respects; I will just now only mention one, and that is, the remarkable cheapness of the outfit, and the great economy of expense in working. The former is almost nothing, being limited to a few tubes and pots; the latter reduces the expense to about one-third of the process now in use at the mint, and lower than the method lately adopted in the Assay-Office in New York.

I do not propose to interfere with the parting or refining arrangements at New York, San Francisco, or else wherever in the general mint service. But I think it important now to secure the right to use the Chlorine Process, in view of its own merits; in view of the necessity of

an early revision and alteration of the Tariff of Charges; and in view of the probable passage, ere long, of a new Mint Code; so that all the new features may, as it were, be inaugurated together, or not far apart.

I do not know what Mr Miller will expect, for such use of his Patent as would include all the Mints and Assay-Offices, or this Mint only. Nor do I know whether it would be best to pay him a "royalty" per ounce of gold, or a certain sum annually for a term of years, or a gross sum once for all.

I would therefore ask that an appropriation not exceeding Six thousand dollars, be made now "for obtaining the right to use the Chlorine Process of Refining in the Mint at Philadelphia;" leaving us to make the best bargain we can, with your sanction. I know this would not meet the whole case, but it would be an earnest, and would put the matter in train.

I would add, that it is important to assure the proper Committees in Congress, that this

improvement will in a little while pay for itself, out of the charges on deposits, and in the reduction on the cost of refining; and after that, it will be for the benefit of the Mines, the bullion dealers and the country at large, by permanently cheapening the process necessary for making coin.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. W. Young
Director

Hon Geo S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

April 12th 71

Sir

In reply to the suggestions contained in your letter of the 29th ultimo in regard to the refinage of sweeps at the Mint, I beg leave to enclose a statement from Prof. Booth, our Melter and Refiner, which has also been submitted to our Assayers, and generally approved.

I have, however, further to say, that, although under existing circumstances, this statement, in its general features may be correct, yet I am of opinion, and in this the Officers referred to agree with me, that, inasmuch as the Authorities of the London Mint propose to introduce that

as a branch of their work; as it is done at most of the principal Mints in Europe; and as it would be creditable to us, to depend as little as possible upon operators outside; we ought at least to make careful and extended inquiries on the subject.

The value of Mint Sweeps, from all the establishments, amounts annually to a large sum.

I propose therefore at once to seek information from correspondents in England, France and elsewhere, as to the ways and methods in use, the facilities for acquiring instruction, the probable expense of the necessary ap=paratus, and, in general, the feasibility of the idea.

The results will in due time be laid before the

Department.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Ellicott
Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

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April 12. 1

Sir,

Yours of the 10th inst, enclosing draft on Philadelphia for $135.— to buy silver dollars, has been duly received.

In reply I have to state that the Mint executes coinage for depositors of bullion on the terms of the enclosed Circular, but does not keep coin for sale. Send us bullion, and we will return the proceeds in coin of whatever denomination you may designate.

Your draft is herewith returned.

Respectfully Yours

Jos. Pollock

Director

D. H. Mitchell, Esq

Post Master

Jeffersville

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April 14. 71.

Sir,

In pursuance of a request made by Mr. Robert H. J. Leipold, of the Treasury Department, I herewith forward a list of the employes of the Mint, for April, 1871.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell

Secretary of the Treasury

April 17. 1

Sir,

Yours of the 15th instant, referring to one a letter of the 11th inst. from the Post Master at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, submitting for settlement, a bill for Express charges on Base coinage sent to the Mint for redemption, has been duly received. In reply I have to state that there is no appropriation, that I am aware of, out of which these charges can be paid by the Government, and I further enclose a circular from the Secretary of the Treasury, requiring the freight on these coins to be paid by the parties sending them.

Very Respectfully

J. R. Snowden

Director

Hon. J. J. Martin,
Auditor of the Treasury
for the P. O. Department

April 19 1

Sir

I beg leave to enclose a Copy of a letter from our Treasury department, which will explain my reason for asking a favor from you.

As you have cited the practice of various European Mints, in the matter of reclaiming gold and silver from sweeps, and as you propose to take the same course, I would be glad to know what you have done, or intend doing; by what process you will operate, (with an estimate of the cost of apparatus); and whether a person sent from here could have opportunity of witnessing it, and acquainting himself with details.

I will only add, that as we so far operate on our sweeps as to reduce them to the (gross) value of ten to twenty cents, say 5d. to 10d., per lb. avd., and then sell them, I have doubts as to the expediency of the change proposed, and would be glad to have your views. — If I can reciprocate in any way,

it will give me pleasure to do so.

Very respectfully
your obed't servant

J. R. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon. C. W. Fremantle
Deputy Master of
the Royal Mint
&c &c
London,
Eng.

April 20. 1.

Sir,

Your letter of the 18th inst has been duly received.

We have not received any nickel coin on your account that I am aware of. I find upon inquiry that there is a box of base coins in the office of the Express agent here, marked 150, but there is nothing in, or on the box, to show whose it is, or where it came from. The agent says he received it from New York

Yours Respectfully

J. W. Pollock
Director

Mr. Tea Harvey
Providence R. I.

P. S. The box reached Phila March 23rd.

April 22nd 1

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 21st inquiring if a box of pennies shipped by you per Adams Express had arrived, is at hand.

In reply I have to say that a box marked as coming from Scully & Devitt arrived here some time ago, but as no schedule of its content accompanied it, and we had received no letter in relation to it, we could not receive it from the Express Co.

Enclosed find circular in relation to the shipment of small coin for redemption

Your Respectfully

Jas. Tolhurst
Director

Scully & Devitt
3 Battery Place
New York

April 24. 1.

Sir,

Your letter of the 22nd inst has been duly received.

The nickel pennies sent us on the 17th of March, weighed 88 lbs — not 89 lbs as stated in your letter. 88 lbs @ $1. per lb. less 2 per cent off — announced to $86.24 which we returned in 5 cf nickels &c together with 88 bronze and spurious cents, making the total return $87.12.

I mailed this explanation to you some time ago, in reply to your former letter, if you did not receive it, it must have miscarried, as it was properly and carefully directed.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Director

G. M. Tillson, Esq P.M.
Norwich P.O.
New York

April 25. 71.

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4 th June 30. 71.

Forty Eight thousand three hundred and Seventy five ——

July 1. 70

9,475.—
31,250.—
6,250.—
150.—
1,250.—
$48,375.—

Geo S. Boutwell

Jas. Pollock
Director

April 26. 1.

Sir,

Your letter of the 25th inst. has been duly received.

The Mint will convert your fine silver into Coin, if you desire it, on the terms of the enclosed circular; but cannot return its value in gold Coin.

Respectfully Yours
Jas. Pollock
Director

T. A. Wilson, Esq
Reading
Pa

for Mr

April 26. 1

Sir,

Yours of the 24th has been duly received.

Base coinage, including copper cents issued prior to 1857, is redeemed under the Circular of the 12th inst. by count and not by weight; but spurious or defaced coins will not be redeemed. If merely abraded they will be received, if the abrasion be not too great.

Respectfully Yours
Jas. Pollock
Director
Mint

M. D. Kennedy, Esq
Receiver
Chicago,
Ill.

April 29 71

My Dear Sir

Your communication of the 21st inst. asking for information in the matter of "Counting boards" &c. was duly received. A temporary absence from the city, prevented my replying at an earlier date.

You evidently misconstrued Mr. Snowden's (the Chief Coiner) letter as to the necessity of having but one board for the several denominations. He informed Mr. Underwood that one counting frame would be necessary and recommended if there were large amounts to count that the boards be made full sized, or twice as large as those named by Mr. Underwood in his letter. Of course there must be seperate boards for each denomination, and as you intimate that the amounts to be counted in your office are not large, I have no doubt the half sized boards or those to count 500 pieces would be entirely ample.

The actual expense for material and labor in the construction of a counting frame and boards for the five, three, and one cent pieces would be about Sixty Dollars ($60.00).

I am very truly yours.

A. N. Wyman Esq.

J. A. C. Pollock
Director

May 1st 71

Sir

At the close of business on Saturday, the 29th ultimo, I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint, with the following result, viz.

Gold	$244565.00
Silver	41.785.56
Ordinary Fund	28.400.75
Copper Fund	221.964.23
San Francisco Branch Mint	7.625.97
Denver " "	513.15
Charlotte " "	161.20
Carson City " "	1.074.16
Base coins redeemed	51.729.59
Total	$597.819.61

which corresponds with his Books.

I also made examination into the general condition and operations

of the Mint, and the Institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Director

Hon George S. Boutwell

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington D.C.

May 2d 71

Sir

Enclosed I forward my Official Statement of Deposits and Coinage at the Mint of the United States during the Month of April 1871.

Very Respectfully Your's

Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

May 2d 71

Sir

I have the honor herewith to enclose to you "Statement of the amount and kind of each denomination of Base Coins redeemed at the Mint of the United States during the Month of April 1871, under the Act of March 3d 1871;" which Statement also exhibits the total amount redeemed.

Very Respectfully Yours

A. Pollock

Director

Hon George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

May 2d 71

Madam

Your letter of the 26th ult. relating to the devices and mottoes on the Indian Medals &c, was received, and by me referred to the Engraver of the Mint for such information as he could communicate to me on the subject.

I enclose a copy of his reply which answers your inquiries as fully as we are at present able to do. I regret that we have had no official communication relative to the "Indian Medals which the President intends to send to the Tribes who have returned old ones to him".

Yours Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director

Mrs A. B. Eaton

1725 H. St. Washington

May 2d 71

Sir

Your letter of April 28th was received on the 1st inst.

In reply I have to state that the number of U.S. Half Dollars coined at the Mint and Branches during the fiscal year ending June 30th 1864 was 967.970 pieces, as you will see by the Director's Annual Report for that year herewith mailed to you, - page 16.

Yours Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Director

M. M. Pomeroy Esq.
New York

May 2d 1

Mr M. T. Baker

Dear Sir

The ore sent by you has been examined and proves to be merely Iron Pyrites, very common, and of no value. It is found in large quantities in all parts of the Country.

Yours Truly

J. C. Booth

Director

May 3d 71

Sir

Enclosed I forward a corrected statement of the amount and kind of copper and other token coins redeemed during the Month of March last, under the Act of March 3d 1871, which I desire to have substituted for the statement for that month which I transmitted to you on the 3d ultimo, and which I subsequently discovered to be erroneous; the difference in value being only ten cents.

Very Respectfully Yours.

Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

May 3d 71

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 29th ult. has been duly received.

In reply I have to say that we have no general instructions regulating the business of the Assay Offices so far as the purchase of goods and supplies is concerned.

The practice is for each Branch Mint and Assay Office to order and pay for its own supplies, except such as are ordered through the parent Mint which are paid for here.

If you will send me a statement of the facts of the particular case to which

you refer, I may be able to give you a more definite opinion.

Respectfully Yours

Jas. Colford

Director

To Messrs.

Martin Kalbfleisch's Sons

55 Fulton St

New York

May 3rd /

Sir

I have the honor to report that I have this day, deposited with the Asst Treasurer U. S. in this City, to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, the sum of Fifteen hundred Dollars, on account of profits from the Medal Department of the Mint, and I herewith enclose the Original Certificate of the same.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Director

Hon Geo S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

May 4th 71

Sir

The letter of George W. Tillson Esq. Post Master at Norwich, N.Y. to you, dated the 28th of April, ultimo, complaining of alledged loss in the exchange of nickel cents for five-cent nickel coins, and referred to me per your endorsement of the 1st instant; has been duly received.

The two exchanges referred to by Mr Tillson were made under the terms of the late Director's circu=lar of May 30th 1867; a copy of which is herewith enclosed and made part of this letter; which circular was issued by virtue of the author=ity given to the Secretary of the Treasury in the Act of May 16th 1866 (Sec. 5) providing for the redemption

of the five cent nickel coins author-
-ized to be issued by that act,
when presented in sums not less
than one Hundred Dollars.

The following statement from
the Books of the Mint, shows the
quantity of nickel cents received
and returns made in each case,
viz. 1. October 1st 1870.

Received from Geo. M. Tillson
150 lbs nickel cents @ $1 pr. lb.

less 2 per cent off $147.00

(Paid in 5 cent nickel coins at their
nominal value)

2 March 21st 1871

Received from Geo. M. Tillson
88 lbs nickel cents, amounting at
above rates to $86.24

Returned to him (fraction of the pound wt) .88

$87.12

Mr Tillson alledges in a letter
to me that the last lot was 89 lbs.

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The amount, as weighed here, was only 58 pounds. In either case the official returns show how utterly unfounded is Mr Tillson's allegation that the Mint made a discount of "about 20 per cent" on his shipments.

Ninety eight nickel cents weigh one pound, on an average, and the formula of "one dollar per pound less two per cent off" is merely a convenient mode of making the calculations.

We have not received any base coinage from Mr Tillson for redemption under the act of March 3d 1871; and the Secretary's Circular of the 12th of April. But I may add, as a matter of current information, that what we do receive frequently contains a percentage of canadian pennies,

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half-pennies and Bank tokens; and other foreign coins, and spurious U. S. coins and private tokens of various kinds. I enclose in a sealed envelope, specimens of some of these, which are accumulating on our hands, and which explain the differences which sometimes occurs between the nominal amounts shipped and the returns made.

Mr Tillson's letter is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Ellis

Director

Hon. George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D. C.

May 6th 71

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 4th inst. in reference to your claim against Mr. Dunning, late Superintendent of the New York Assay Office; has been duly received.

In reply I can only say that the present Superinten=dent of the New York assay Office is not responsible for the ad=ministration of his predecessor in office; nor are there any funds at his disposal, except the appropriations for the support of the Assay Office during the current fiscal year, and these are not avail=able for the payment of the expenses of any former years, even when legitimate in fact and in

forms.

In the case under consideration it seems, according to your own statement, that you gave the then Superintendent receipted invoices for the supplies furnished, which, I presume, he filed as vouchers in the settlement of his official accounts. This leaves the matter as a private affair between yourselves and Mr Dunning personally, and I regret to say that you would therefore have to look to him for the money, and not to the Government.

Respectfully Yours.

Jos Ellicott
Director

To
Martin Kalbfleisch's Sons
55 Fulton Street
New York

May 6. 1.

Gentlemen,

The warrant to your order on the Recv. of the Mint, for $150 the amt of your bill against the Denver Branch Mint, for 300 nests of crucibles furnished, came to hand this morning duly accepted; and I herewith send you my check, to your order, on the Farmers and Mechanics' National Bank of this city, for that amount.

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

Director

Messrs
J. & H. Berg
95 John Street
New York

May 5 71

Sir,

The two Counterfeit double Eagles, sent from Nicaragua, have been assayed, with the following results:

		Thous.ths
No 1 - 302 grains, contains	Gold	177
	Silver	408
	Copper	415
		1000
No 2, 336 grains, contains	Gold	476
	Silver	288
	Copper	236
		1000

Net Mint value (in gold & silv.)

No 1, $2.60

No 2 7.10

$9.70 herewith returned.

It will thus be seen, that they are

very different in composition, although made in the same way, that is. by casting in a mould taken from the genuine coin. They have the usual rounded and pitted impressions which result from castings of those metals, and are so coarse that it is surprising that they should be emitted, or received. The milling is rudely imitated by the cuts of a chisel.

Very respectfully
your obed't Serv't
Jas. Pollock
Director

George E. Baker Esq
Department of State

May 8. 1

Dear Sir,

Will you please furnish me, at your earliest convenience, a list of the Employes in your Department, and a statement of what reductions could, in your opinion, judiciously be made in your working force.

This request is in pursuance of instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury.

Yours truly

J. A. Pollock

Director

To

Prof. James C. Booth
Melter & Refiner
U. S. Mint

May 8. 1

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This request is in pursuance of instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury.

Yours truly

J. R. Snowden

Director

To

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.

Chief Coiner

U. S. Mint

May 8 1

Messrs C. W. Caskey & Co.
Gentn

At your request, our Assayer Mr Eckfeldt has made a chemical examination of the mineral sent by you, and finds it to be simply iron pyrites, or iron combined with sulphur, without a trace of gold or silver. It is of no value, except as it might be employed in making sulphuric acid.

The Mint Charge, five dollars, is received.

Respy yours &c.

J. E. Patrick
Director

May 9th 71

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, asking "what amount of the bronze one and two cent pieces, and of the three and five cent nickel pieces you (we) now have on hand, and the amount of orders for the same received during the month of April; also the practicability of re-issuing these coins after 'brightening;' in filling orders received at the Mint;= the amount of the cent coinage fund now on hand; the amount of the pay roll chargable to that fund during the month of April, and also what reduction in my opinion can take place

among the Employes in that Department of the Mint without injury to the service."

In reply I have to say that the Treasurer reports that he has on hand (May 8th 1871) bronze and nickel pieces, as follows, viz. as belonging to the Cent Coinage fund proper.

In one cent pieces	$90.00
" three " "	134.10
" five " "	$06.433.00
Total in cent coinage fund	$106.657.10

The whole of the nickel five cent pieces above reported, were transferred to the Treasurer of the Mint by order of the Secretary of the Treasury, from the Assistant Treasuries of Boston, New York and Philadelphia, and received

at the Mint in December 1870 and February 1871.

Redeemed under the Act of March 3d 1871, as follows, viz.

In March & April 1871

Bronze one cent pieces		16.749.98
" two "	"	7.668.64
Nickel three "	"	1.779.66
" five "	"	17.032.85
Total redeemed		$37.231.13

2d The amount of orders received during April 1871, as follows, viz

Bronze one cent pieces		3.650.00
" two "	"	1.245.00
Nickel three "	"	2.430.00
" Five "	"	16.720.00
Total orders received		$24.045.00

3d

The amount of coinage fund now on hand is

"

as follows, viz-

In one cent pieces (as above stated,)			90.00
" three "	"	"	134.10
" Five "	"	"	106.433.00
" U. S. Notes &c			115.315.34
Total			$221.972.44

4th

Amount of the Pay Roll charg=able to that fund during the month of April 1871 $8.367.50
(See remarks on reduction of force, 6.)

5th As to the "practicability of re=issuing the Bronze one and two cent pieces, and the three and five cent pieces now on hand, after "brightening;" permit me to say that it is practicable if the people are willing to receive them in response to their orders. But whilst it is practicable it is not advisable, for the

reason, among others, that there is a strong opposition on the part of many ordering the base coins, to receive in place of the new, the old coins although brightened. Many of the orders specially designate new coins; and some of the orders have gone so far as to direct a return of the money or draft if new coins could not be sent. Many of the Base Coins that have been in circulation a few years become battered and rough, and although brightening improves their appearance somewhat, they differ greatly from the new and bright coin, and often by their peculiar appearance create a suspicion of their

being counterfeit.

It has never been the practice or policy of the Government to re-issue from the Mint old coins; nor, in my opinion, does it accord with our National character to adopt such a course now.

The re-coinage of the old to meet the demand for the new is our true policy, and whilst it would be more satisfactory to the people, it would be almost as economical as the plating and brightening the old coins for re-issue. As we are now prepared, without any increase of expense, or, at least a very slight increase of expenditure, to re-coin all that may be required to meet the present demand, I would

most respectfully ask and urge that an order be made by the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury authorizing the re-coinage of so many of the bronze and nickel coins as may be necessary to meet such demand. Such an order would give more full employment to those now connected with the cent coinage, and to some extent avoid a reduction in our working force which at this present, and for many reasons ought not to be hastily made.

I would also suggest as proper, and ask authority to re-melt and cast into bars or ingots all the old copper cent coin redeemed under the Act

of March 3d 1871. In the form of bars or ingots they could be sold as copper or used for purposes connected with our minting operations. I would also make a similar suggestion and request in relation to the re-melting of the nickel-copper cents, to be made into bars or ingots for sale or use here as the exigencies of our business might indicate. All this must be done some time, and if done now, we have all the force and appliances necessary without increasing our expenditures. I earnestly recommend the adoption of these suggestions.

6th And this brings me to the question of "What reduction

in my opinion can take place among the employes in that Department (Cent. coinage) without injuring the service.

During the past two years large reductions have been made in the working force of the Mint, - the reduction corresponding as nearly as practicable with the decrease of business.

The present number of clerks and employes is 239. Comparing March 1869 with March 1871 we have the result;

March 1869, number exclusive of Commissioned Officers		414
March 1871 " "		239
Total reduction		175

Again

Number of Clerks & Employes April 1st 1870		257
Do " "	April 1st 1871	239
Reduction		18

Our present number, 237, under the eight hour law represents but 191 under the former system of ten hours, a much smaller force than has been in this institution for many years.

It will thus be seen that the total reduction in two years has been 175, and during the past year, 18. If anything pertaining to the cent coinage in all its departments and connections is to be abandoned, then a reduction of twenty or thirty can be made; but under existing circumstances, and in view of the necessity of disposing of the base coins redeemed and accumulating rapidly, I cannot advise a reduction of the Employes in that Department, at least for the present. although

not so actively engaged in
actual coining, numbers of
them when not so employed are
reducing the fluxes in the
Copper Melting Room, reclaiming
the waste metals and rendering
efficient service in the Depart-
=ment of Cent Coinage.

Again a number of them, male
and female, have been detailed
to aid in receiving, delivering,
selecting, counting and storing
the base coins sent here for
redemption under the Act of
March 3d 1871. All are now
usefully employed, and the
cent pay roll properly includes
those connected with either
cent coinage or redemption.

Again, as I stated in a
former letter, in conducting
the operations of minting the

gold, silver and base coins, the workmen and employes are so frequently and necessarily interchanged and pass from one kind of coinage or work to another according to the demands of the occasion, that it is almost impossible to say how many are required for the gold and silver and how many for the base coinage or operations connected therewith. Circumstances thus control both the number of Employes and the relative expense of these branches of the coinage. Now whilst it may be true that the number of employes might be smaller for the average business of the year, yet the business demand is irregular, being alternately flush and spare; and if at any

time the demand is active, a less force would be insuffi=
=cient to operate in a short time.

The gold and silver coinage being so interlaced and inter=
=mixed with the base coinage, and a large proportion of the employes in each department being necessary and essential to the accomplishment of the work in either or both, the true policy is to have "a working force equal to the emergencies, and not be laced tightly to an average."

Professor Booth, Melter and Refiner reports in his letter of the 9th inst'ant, that no reduction can be made in his department without detriment to the service.

The Chief Coiner in his report to me on this subject says that "under

an abandonment of the token (base) coinage a reduction of twenty might be made on our present rolls", but, he adds, "I would most respectfully urge that if it be possible the skilled workmen of this department be retained in the employ of the Government. It requires time and care to fit men for the difficult and delicate operations of our Minting Establishments, and a temporary lull in business should not (of necessity) require a discharge of skilled labor. For many reasons it has been proven by our own and other Mints that the appointment and removal of men as business may be brisk or slack is a most serious mistake in the management."

On consultation with the

operative officers of the Mint they agree with me that a reduction of force at this time is not required unless the base coinage and everything connected with it is abandoned; and then the decrease not to exceed the number referred to already. They also concur with me that re-issue of the bronze and nickel coins should not be attempted or authorized, even after brightening which changes the appearance without restoring the lustre or clearness of the coins; and that the re-coinage to meet the present demand would be expedient, economical, and wise, and the only policy that should be adopted.

Authority for such re-coinage would obviate the necessity for any present reduction of

forces, and the promote directly most vitally important interests that are intimately connected with the prosperity of the Country.

I have thus answered all the inquiries of your letter. Whatever may be the decision of the Department in relation to the matters herewith submitted, it shall be my endeavor promptly to comply therewith.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock

Director

Hon George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

May 11th '71

Sir

I herewith enclose a copy of a letter with regard to the re-issue of bronze and nickel coins received from our assayer just as this letter was being closed for the mail, to which I respectfully invite your attention

Very Respectfully Yours

J. R. Pollock
Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury

May 11th 71

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 10th inst. inquiring about a package of old gold said to have been sent to the Mint by Mr A. Goldsmid of Chicago for coinage, was received this morning.

In reply I have to state that I find, upon careful examination and inquiry, that no such package of gold has been received at the Mint.

Yours Respectfully

J. C. Pollock

Director

Messrs

Keller & Untermeyer

No 18 John St

New York

May 12 1

To whom it may concern.

Until further orders, my Clerk, Henry C. Nichols, is authorized and directed, during my absence, to endorse all checks and drafts on business of the Mint, that may require my official signature.

Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint

May 18. 1

Sir,

Respectfully referring to your letter, "GP"; of the 17th inst. I have to acknowledge the receipt from the Department, by Express, of $161.22, in counterfeit, light and mutilated gold coin, on account of the Asst Treas. U.S. at New Orleans, as therein specified, and to say that the examination, deposit and report you have requested, will be made, in accordance with your instructions, at the earliest practicable moment.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Director
per H.C. Hickcox
Dis Clerk

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury

May 23d 71

Sir

Respectfully referring to your letter (S.) of the 17th instant in reference to "$161.50 in light, mutilated and counterfeit gold coin which was rejected by the U.S. Assistant Treasurer at New York City in a transfer of $500,000. from the Assistant Treasurer at New Orleans, La.", and my acknowledgment thereof under date of the 18th instant, I now have the honor, in the temporary absence of the Director of the Mint, to state that a careful examination was duly made by the Chief Coiner, of the light and mutilated coins, after which I deposited all the coins in my own name, with the Treasurer of the Mint, to be

melted and assayed; the net product being 8.20 ozs, equal to $128.48, as per the Treasurer's "Memorandum" herewith enclosed.

This amount was deposited with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at Philadelphia, to the Credit of Charles Clinton Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New Orleans, La, as per your instructions, a certificate of which is herewith enclosed.

The Chief Coiner reports the following result of the examination made by him, viz:-

"Detailed Statement of the weight of each piece in the $105.00 of light and mutilated coin handed to me for examination.

(over)

Double Eagles	Eagles	Half Eagles	Dollars
1 16/4 gr. light	1 12/gr. light	1. 1/2 gr. light	1. 1/4 gr. light
2 16 1/4 " "		2. 9 " "	2. 3/8 " "
3 18 " "		3 13 3/4 " "	3. 11 3/4 " "
		4 3/8 " "	4 2 1/2 " "
		5 12 1/4 " "	5 1/2 " "
			6 4 1/8 " "
			7 9/16 " "
			8 Standard
			9 3/4 " "
			10 Standard

From this you will perceive that the aggregate loss of gold is 97 1/8 grains, or, in value about three and 76/100 dollars ($3.76)

Some of this loss was occasioned by ordinary abrasion resulting from circulation. Many of the pieces however bore evident marks of unlawful practices. One of the Double Eagles which lost 16 3/4 grains, had evidently

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been reduced by the acid or sweating process. Several of the Half Eagles- the Eagle- and one Double Eagle had been reduced in weight by filing between the reedings on the edge of the pieces. The number of pieces in the bag corresponded with the Memorandum transmitted."

The Assayer submits the following analysis.

"The assorted parcels of gold coin; two lots, sent by the Treasury Department, are reported as follows.

One lot, 5.44 ozs, resulted 897½ fine, which sufficiently proves that they were genuine, altho' below the limit of allowance; which probably was due to some solder, one of the coins

having been made into a button. Some of the Double Eagles having been very light (15 or 16 grs) they were no doubt reduced by filing off the periphery and re-milling. The pieces came to us so mutilated by cutting &c, that we could not measure them.

There was also 2.76 ozs, which being melted together resulted 494 fine; nearly half gold. These also were thrown out of shape and defaced by cutting, so that we could not apply some of the tests which suffice without assay."

Very Respectfully Yours
H C Hickok
Director's Clerk

Hon George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

P.S. The Double Eagles above referred to were coined at the Branch Mint at San Francisco.

May 23d 71

Sir

The U. S. $20 gold coin specified in your letter to the Director of the 22d instant, received by the Department from the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New Orleans, La, was duly received to day by Express.

It proves upon examination to have been reduced in weight, apparently by some mechanical agency applied to one side of the rim, to the amount of 8/8 grains below the standard.

Being so much below par value, it did not seem proper to deposit it

with the Assistant Treas=
=urer here, and it is therefor
retained subject to your order.

Enclosed I forward
a copy of the Chief Coiner's
report on the subject, and
also return Assistant
Treasurer Clinton's letter.

Very Respectfully Yours
H C Hickok
Director's Clerk

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

May 24 1

Gentlemen

In reply to your inquiry of the 22 ult. with regard to alleged deficiencies in the returns for Base Coinage which you sent to the Mint for redemption on the 13th inst. I beg to enclose a duplicate of the official count made of your shipment upon its arrival here, by which you will see that it amounted to the sum of $231.08

Your enclosed letter from the Treasurer of the U.S. is herewith returned.

Yours Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Director

Jno H. C. Hickok
Chief Clerk

Messrs
Bailey, Lord & McEwen
Albany
N.Y.

May 31st 71

Sir

Yours of the 29th inst, has been duly received.

The fineness of U. S. Gold coin is no longer stated in Karats, but in thousands - 1000 fine representing pure gold. Our gold and silver coin is nine-tenths fine, and one-tenth alloy; that is 900 thousandths pure metal and 100 thousandths alloy. Expressed in Karats the fineness would be 21.2 3/8 as near as can well be stated, which is equal to 899.74 thousandths.

Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock

Director

per H. C. Hickok

Director Clerk

Judson Roberts Esq

Lambertville

New Jersey

Mayor &c

Sir

Your comprehensive inquiries of the 19th inst. with regard to money and moneys making were duly received. In the temporary absence of the Director of the Mint, I mailed you such official documents as we have on hand. They will give you the means of answering most of your questions, but I think it proper to enter into some further explanations.

The "varieties" of American coins may comprehend the various legal standards, or their denominations, or their types; or all three, multiplied into each other, which, as you may imagine, would make a formidable list.

Thus, there was the primary ordinance for gold, silver and copper coins in 1792. Then as to gold, a change of weight and fineness in 1834, and lastly in 1837. As to silver a change in 1837, and again in 1853. As to copper, a change in 1793, in 1796, and a cessation in 1857; after that, various kinds of nickel, copper and bronze coins.

In respect to the denominations, you will observe that the 20 dollar and one dollar gold pieces did not begin till 1849, and the three dollars in 1854; the silver 3 cent in 1851.

In respect to types, there are a good many, and some astute collectors can see a greater variety than really exists; as they make much of microscopic

changes which occurred before dies were reproduced by hubbing. Many types which have got abroad are mere patterns or trial pieces, not regular issues.

Our Cabinet of Coins contains by the last reckoning 5211 pieces, the number changing constantly. We have very few duplicates; so that the "varieties" are nearly as many as the coins.

Our medals amount to 827. We are not desirous to enlarge this department greatly. We do not receive store cards or private tokens.

Our oldest coins are those of Aegina in Greece say six or seven centuries B. C., - the Roman early bronze, say two or three centuries later, the golden Daric of Persia

sixth century; many pieces of Alexander, and his successors in Persia, Syria and Egypt; and a fine collection of Roman, many of them in gold.

Your last question is answered in the printed tabular statement in the Director's Report for 1870 which I sent you.

Very Respectfully

H C Hitchcock
Director Clerk

J. C. Thompson Esq
(Journalist &c)
Shelbyville
Indiana

June 1 71

Sir

At the close of business on the 31st ultimo, I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint, with the following result, viz,

Gold	96.178.50
Silver	31.664.94
Ordinary Fund	59.706.04
Copper fund	222.440.69
San Francisco Br. Mint	7.625.97
Denver " "	286.65
Charlotte " "	161.20
Carson City " "	757.41
Base coinage redeemed	112.336.84
Total	$531.205.24

which corresponds with his Books. Sales made

examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint, and the Institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington D.C.

June 1st 71

Sir

Your letter of May 29th has been received to day.

The Circular of May 30th 1867 is no longer in force, but any base coinage can be redeemed in currency under the terms of the enclosed circular of April 12th 1871 issued by the Secy. of the Treasury; and any bronze or nickel coins you may need can be procured from the Treasurer of the Mint in exchange for currency under the terms of the circular of Sept. 1 1870, a copy of which I enclose, and which is still in force.

Very Respectfully

A. Boteler
Director

J. D. Geddings, Esq.
Ass't. Treas. U. S.
Charleston S.C.

June 1st 1

Sir

Your letter of May 31st has been duly received.

The coinage of the United States is regulated entirely by the several Acts of Congress on the subject. I herewith mail you a copy of the Mint Laws, which, as you will find upon examination, furnish answers to your interrogatories.

I also mail you a couple of circulars with regard to the issue and redemption of base coinage.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Director

Oswald J. Heinrich Esq
Midlothian
Chesterfield Co.
Va.

June 1st 71

Sir

Enclosed I forward my official statement of the Deposits and Coinage at the Mint of the United States during the month of May 1871.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

June 1st 71

Sir

Enclosed I forward my official statement of the amount of Base Coinage redeemed during the month of May 1871, under the Act of March 3d 1871; together with the total amount redeemed.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. A. Rolod
Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

June 7th 71

Sir

In compliance with the directions contained in your letter "G.S." of the 6th inst, I have today deposited with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. in this City, in the name of Charles Clinton, Assistant Treasurer at New Orleans La, the sum of $19.67/100 in coin, the proceeds of the abraded U.S. $20. gold piece, received from the latter office, and sent to the Mint for examination; and herewith enclose a receipt for the same.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

June 10th 1

Sir

Your letter of the 6th inst, was duly received.

I find upon careful inquiry that Tellurium cannot be procured in this City. There is no demand for it.

Yours Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Director

J. T. Whelpley Esq
South Pass
Illinois

June 10th 71

Dear Sir

Your letter of this date requesting twenty money boards to be made for your official use, like sample sent, has been received.

I have given direc-tions to have them made accordingly, and expect they will be ready for you within the time you indicate.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director

Geo. Eyster Esq.
Asst. Treasurer U. S.
Philadelphia

June 12th 1

Sir

Your application of the 20th ult. to President Grant for an appointment as packer in the Mint, having been referred to me, was duly received this morning.

In reply I have to state that there is no such position in the Mint as "packer". The nearest thing to it is the cooper, who heads up the kegs in which coin is shipped; but there is no vacancy there, nor in any other department of the Mint. Every position is filled, and there is no room for any new appointments.

Respectfully Yours

J. P. Kirk

Director

Mr Benj. H. Sheppard
Brooklyn N.Y.

June 12 / 71

Sir

Yours of the 23rd of May, enclosing 50 cts to pay any extra freight on pennies sent by you for redemption, has been received.

We heard accidentally on the 10th inst that your box was at the Rail Road Depot and had been there since the 16th of May, so we appropriated the fifty cents to having the box brought to the Mint.

Your safest way hereafter would be to ship by Express, as the R.R. Companies do not deliver packages outside their depot.

Your Respectfull
James Pollock
Director
per Bogle

G.B. Brown Esq
Cash Toledo Savgs Inst
Toledo
Ohio

June 13th 71

Sir

Your letter of the 12th inst. asking for a report of the result of the recent trial in the Mint of Dr. Miller's Chlorine Process of refining gold and silver, and enclosing a copy of your power of attorney from him; has been received.

Your letter of the 10th inst. on the same subject was also duly received and a reply only delayed to receive a report from Prof. Booth, which he expected to prepare at his early convenience. Some of the calculations have been made, but, as the Professor is now busy with his annual settlement, the preparation of the report is necessarily postponed

for the present.

As soon as it is completed, I will communicate with you further on the subject.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Roebling
Director

E. S. Renwick Esq
Atty. for F. B. Miller
19 Park Place
New York

June 13th 71

Sir

Your letter of the 12th inst complaining of short count in base coinage sent to the Mint for redemption, has been received.

In reply I enclose a duplicate certificate of the official count made here of the lot of coins to which you refer, showing the nett amount to be $697.09 instead of $720 as stated in your letter.

You may rely on this as being correct. Counterfeit or spurious and mutilated or spoiled coins are always rejected

Yours Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Director

S. F. Massman &

18 Wylie av. Brooklyn, N. Y.

June 15 1

Sir

Your letter of the 12th inst, in relation to an alleged difference in amount of base coin sent by you for redemption, and amount of draft returned in payment, is received.

In reply I have to state that we are compelled to take our own count, and in justification of the amount returned you by draft, I enclose a copy of the Official count of each package sent by you.

Yours Respectfully

J. L. Pollock
Director

A. W. Copeland Esq
Detroit
Mich

P. S. As our count in done on a counting board it is almost impossible to make a mistake

June 16th 71

Sir

Your letter of the 10th instant applying for a position in this Institution; advising me of your former employment in the Royal Mint, London; and enclosing testimonials as to character and qualifications, has been duly received.

Your testimonials and references are of a very satisfactory character, but I regret to say that every department of the Mint is filled. I have no use for any additional force, nor is there room or occasion for any new appointments; the employes we have not

being always fully occupied.

Your testimonials are herewith returned.

Yours Respectfully

Director

Mr F. M. Du Faur
9 Broad Street
New York

June 20. 1.

Sir,

Your letter of the 16th inst. has been received this morning, stating that on the 26th of May, ult. you had sent me your draft $3570. on N. Y. $100. with a request to send you 5 c nickels for that amount.

In reply I have to state that the draft and letter referred to, never came to hand.

Yours Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Director
per H C Hickok
Chief Clerk

C. F. Henneway, Esq.
Ass't Cashier Manufacturer's Bank
Moline, Ills.

June 20 1

Sir

Your letter of the 15th inst, announcing the shipment by Express of $19.180 00/100 in Mexican Silver Dollars and half dollars, has been received this morning, and I presume the coin will come to hand in due time.

As your letter is silent on the subject, will you be good enough to inform me, by return mail if convenient, what denominations of silver coin you desire in return.

I enclose for your information a circular regulating the coinage of silver at the Mint.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Director

Chas. Clinton Esq.
Asst. Treas. U. S.
New Orleans La.

per H C Nichols
Director's Clerk

June 21 1

Sir,

The enclosed copy of the certificate of the official count of the shipments of base coinage referred to in your letter of the 17th inst. shows that the amount of the draft for $78.32 sent you by the Treasury Department is correct.

Yours Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Director

Geo. B. Brandt, Esq
Cor. Toledo Saving Institution
Toledo, O.

Mint

June 22 1

Gentlemen,

We suppose the enclosed notice from the freight department of the North Penna R.R. refers to the [illegible] of coppers specified in your letter of the 10th inst. as having been shipped on that day, but which has not yet been received at the Mint. As the Mint does not collect parcels, or settle freight bills, it will be necessary for you to remit the charges - 50¢ to the R.R. freight station, and also the additional cost of delivering it at the Mint, which I suppose will be about one dollar.

The Express Companies always deliver shipments of base coinage at the Mint; other transportation Companies do not.

Yours Respectfully
J. S. Pollock
Director
per H.

Messrs
[illegible] & Carr
Akron, O.

June 23d 71

Sir

Enclosed I forward Certificate, of this date, of the deposit of $19.78 coin with the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at Philadelphia, to the Credit of the Treasurer of the United States on a/c of transfer of funds; being the proceeds of a light $20 gold piece forwarded to me by the Acting Assistant Treasurer, U.S. at New Orleans, La, for examination, and deposited as above in pursuance of his request, under date of the 17th instant.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

June 23d /

Sir

The light $20 gold piece specified in your Mr Shultz's letter of the 17th instant was yesterday received by Express, and upon examination proves to be genuine, but is light 5 3/4 grains which is solely due to excessive wear.

The piece is worth $19.78, which amount I deposited in your name with the Asst. Treasurer of the U. S. at Philadelphia, to the Credit of the Treasurer of the United States on ac of transfer of funds, as per your request, and have forwarded a coin receipt for that amount to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock
Director

Chas. Clinton Esr.
Ass't Treasurer U. S.
New Orleans La

June 23d 71

Sir

The sum of $19.180 in Mexican Silver dollars and half dollars (refered to in your letter "SP" of the 22d instant) forwarded to me on the 15th instant by the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New Orleans La, and previously rejected by the Assistant Treasurer at New York as light, mutilated and counterfeit, has been duly received, and will be converted into current U. S. coin, as per your instructions, at the earliest practicable moment.

Before making any further disposition of it, I will advise you of its actual proceeds, as you request.

The $1034.57/ gold, which

you also speak of in the same connection, has not come to hand, nor have I any advices of its shipment, other than that contained in your letter.

Mr Clinton, Assistant Treasurer at New Orleans, advised me, under date of the 15th instant, of the shipment of the silver, but did not speak of any gold.

I enclose a copy of his letter; and also a copy of a letter received yesterday on the same subject from Hon L.L. Tuttle Assistant Treasurer U.S.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jos. Pollock
Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

June 26th 71

Sir

I have this morning received your letter of the 24th instant, giving further information and directions with regard to the gold and silver coin from the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New Orleans, referred to in your letter of the 22d inst.

Since my answer of the 23d instant to your letter of the 22d instant, I have learned that the $1034.50 of light, mutilated and counterfeit gold coin in question, had really been received at the Mint some ten days ago; but not having been sent to me, the Officers in charge of the Deposit Room did not know until today that it was the lot of coin about which I

had made inquiry of them last week. It seems this coin had been sent by the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New Orleans, to the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia, and not to the Director of the Mint, and was deposited at the Mint by the last named Treasurer in his own name, for re-coinage, in the usual routine of busi-ness; and in this way it did not, until today, come to my knowledge as being the coin designated in your letter of the 22d instant.

Our Assayers have made a close and careful examination of these coins, and prepared an elaborate and valuable report upon the subject, which I herewith

forward for your considera=
=tion. A duplicate report,
I understand, was also made
to the Assistant Treasurer
in this City, and I presume
a copy will reach you through
that officer.

The mutilated lot counted $909.50

It yielded 871.37

The counterfeit lot (various
kinds, including filled pieces) counted $125.

It yielded 68.40

(That is without deducting ½ per
cent Mint charge.)

I enclose a duplicate
"memorandum" of the deposit
from the Treasurer of the Mint.

I will report upon the
Mexican Silver as soon as it
has been converted into
current U. S. coins and
will deposit in accordance

with your directions.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. W. Ellwood

Director

Hon George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

June 28th 71

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 24th instant, "GP", I have now to report that the $19.180 in Mexican Silver dollars and half dollars from the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New Orleans, La, pro=
=duced, when converted into current U. S. coin, the sum of $20.407.58, as per the enclosed "Memorandum" No. 214, from the Treasurer of the Mint.

In accordance with your directions I have depos=
=ited the face value of the original shipment, $19.180 with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at Philadelphia to the Credit of the Treasurer of the United States, in the name of

Charles Clinton, Assistant Treas-
=urer at New Orleans, La, on account
of transfer of funds, and here-
=with transmit the usual Cer-
=tificate.

The balance, amounting
to $1.227.08, I hold subject to
further orders.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

June 28th 71

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 21st inst. "G.A.M.", I have to report that the $19.180 in Mexican Eagle and half eagle dollars, silver, from the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New Orleans, La, were duly received and converted into U.S. current coin, producing, in the latter shape the sum of $20.407 58/, as per the enclosed "Memorandum" No 214, from the Treasurer of the Mint.

Of this amount I have deposited the sum of $19.180 with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia to the Credit of the Treasurer of the U.S. in the name of Charles Clinton, Assistant Treasurer U.S. New Orleans, on

account of transfer of funds, in pursuance of instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury, under date of the 24th inst, a copy of which I herewith enclose.

The balance I hold subject to further orders, as directed by the Secretary; to whom also I forwarded the certificate of deposit.

Yours Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock

Director

Hon L. L. Tuttle.

Ass't. Treasurer U. S.

Washington D C

June 28th 71

Sir

Your shipment by Express on the 15th inst. of foreign silver, amounting to $19.180, was duly received, and converted into current U. S. coin, producing in the latter shape the sum of $ 20.407.58, as per the enclosed "Memorandum" from the Treasurer of the Mint.

Of this amount I have this day deposited the sum of $19.180, in your name, with the Asst. Treasurer U. S. at Philadel=phia to the Credit of the Treas=urer U. S. on account of transfer of funds, and hold the balance, $1.227.58 subject to further orders, in accordance with special instructions on the subject from

the Secretary of the Treasury under date of the 24th inst, a copy of which I enclose for your information; as also a copy of a letter of the 21st inst, on the same subject from Hon L. L. Tuttle Asst. Treasurer U. S. at Washington.

The Certificate of deposit I forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, as usual.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Ellwood
Director

Chas. Clinton Esq.
Asst. Treasurer U. S.
New Orleans, La.

July 1st 71

Sir

At the close of business on the 30th ultimo, I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint, with the following result, viz.

Gold	$226.922.77
Silver	14.202.54
Ordinary Account	42.688.70
Copper fund	222.300.85
San Francisco Br. Mint	7.616.32
Denver " "	242.70
Charlotte " "	161.20
Carson City " "	752.41
Base coins redeemed	178.133.75
Total	$693.021.24

which corresponds with his Books.

I also made examination into the general condition and operations

of the Mint, and the Institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. A. Pollock
Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

July 1st 71

Sir

Enclosed I forward my official statement of the amount and kind of Base Coinage redeemed during the month of June 1871 under the Act of March 3d 1871: as also the amount previously redeemed, and the total amount redeemed.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. Pollock
Director

Hon George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

July 1st 1

Gentlemen

Yours of the 29th ult, is at hand.

In reply I regret to say that your order for 3¢ nickel coin cannot be filled in time for the 4th of July. We have no coin of that denomination on hand, and whilst the Melter and Refiner was making his Annual settlement with the Treasurer of the Mint, coining operations were, as usual, necessarily suspended.

Work will now be resumed, and your orders filled at the earliest practicable moment.

Very Respectfully

A. E. Roberts
Director

Messrs
M. Holmes & Son
Pittsburgh Pa

July 1st 71

Sir

Enclosed I forward my official statement of the Deposits and Coinage at the Mint of the United States during the month of June 1871.

Very Respectfully Yours

A. Loud

Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

July 3d 71

Sir

Your letter of June 26th was duly received, informing me of the shipment of one box of base coinage for redemption.

This morning I received from Mr W.W. Wine, freight Agent of the Penna. R.R. Co. in this City, the enclosed notice of the arrival at their Station of a box, which, upon inquiry, we suppose to be yours, but the freight charges upon it amount to $15, which sum you will have to remit to the freight Agent before the box can be delivered.

The Express Companies deliver packages at the Mint,

the railroads, and the Steam boat or canal freight lines do not. The Mint does not pay charges or send for packages, but, in this instance, I will, as a matter of accommodation, have the box brought to the Mint when you have paid the above charges.

The Agent has kindly agreed not to make any charge for storage until you have had time to reply.

Enclosed I forward a copy of Secretary Boutwell's redemption circular of April 12th '71

Yours Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Director

T. H. Sharpe Esq Cashier
Indianapolis, Ind.

pr J. C. P.

July 5th /

Sir

Yours of the 3rd inst, in relation to pennies shipped by you, is received

I enclose a copy of the official count and examination, and as you will see by it the package arrived in good condition.

The hammered Nickels you speak of, will be received, provided we can see the denominations.

We do not return defaced or bogus coins.

Yours Respectfully,
James Pollock
Director
per Vogel

S. F. Moseman Esq,
18 Wythe Avenue
Brooklyn E. D.
N. Y.

July 6. 1

Sir,

Your order and draft of the 5th inst. for new 3 ct nickel coins to the amount of $600. have been duly received.

We have no new 3 ct nickels on hand – only those which have been redeemed under the act of March 3. 1871, and will not be able to fill your order for new ones before Monday next.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Director

per H. C. Hinkle

Chief Clerk

Hon L.R. Tuttle

Asst Sec. U.S.

Washington, D.C.

P. S. I enclose copy of some general instructions on this subject from the Secretary of the Treasury.

July 6th 1

Sir

By direction of the Secy. of the Treasury under date of the 5th inst, I have this day deposited in your name with the Asst. Treas. U. S. at Philadelphia to the credit of the U. S. Treasurer, $1227.58 in Silver coin, premium on the coinage of Mexican Silver dollars and half dollars forwarded by you on the 15th ult, as follows, viz. $149.16 on account of transfer of funds, and $1.078.42 on ac of coinage of Mexican silver.

I enclose the duplicate certificates Nos 6158 and 6159.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director

Hon Chas. Clinton
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New Orleans La

per H. C. Hickcox
Clinton's Clerk

July 6th 71

Sir

Your letter (Lyt.) of the 5th instant giving directions for depositing the coinage of $1034.50 gold coin & mutilated and counterfeit received from the Assistant Treasurer at New Orleans La; also the sum of $1227.58 premium realized from recoinage of Mexican Silver Dollars and Half Dollars from the same source; has been duly received today.

Your directions with regard to the silver coin have been complied with, and enclosed I forward Certificates of Deposit in the name of Charles Clinton, Assistant Treasurer at New Orleans to the Credit of the Treasurer of the U. S. for $147.76 on

account of coinage of Mexican silver, as per your instructions.

The duplicate Certificates I have forwarded, as you direct, to Assistant Treasurer Clinton at New Orleans.

The $1034.00 gold never came into the possession or control of the Director of the Mint, having been forwarded to Assistant Treasurer Eyster at Philadelphia, who deposited the same in his own name for examination and recoinage (as I advised you in my letter of the 26th ultimo) and the proceeds were duly paid to him in the usual routine of Mint busi=ness.

Mr Eyster informs me, today, in reply to an inquiry on the subject, that he deposited

the proceeds, $939.77, in Assistant Treasurer Clinton's name to the Credit of the U.S. Treasurer on the 29th ultimo, and forwarded the Certificates to Mr Clinton

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock

Clinton

Hon J. F. Hartley
Acting Secy. of the Treasy.
Washington D.C.

pm H.C. Hickok
Clinton, Pa.

July 6th 71

Sir

The seven quarter eagles and one half eagle light coin from the Ass't. Treasurer at New Orleans, specified in your letter of the 5th inst. (E.P.), were duly received to day by Express, and have been carefully examined.

The pieces are all genuine, but lightened by wear. The half eagle is light 13/11 grains, say 6/p cents. The quarter eagles, light 1 to 2 9/11 grains, say 11 cents to 10/p cts.

They call for no special remark except that they are too much reduced for circulation at par.

I hold them

subject to further orders

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Director
per H C Hickok
Director's Clerk

Hon J. F. Hartley
Acting Secy. of the Treasy.
Washington D.C.

July 6 1

Sir,

The three Twenty Dollar gold pieces specified in your letter of the 28th ult. were duly received by Express, and have been carefully Examined.

They are light simply on account of wear; the one labelled "Simpson" light ~~[illegible]~~ 4½ grains, say 17½ cents; the two "T.K." each light 2½ grains, say 9¾ cents. They seem to call for no special remark.

The Director being temporarily absent, I deposited the pieces for recoinage, in my own name, and herewith enclose the Treasurer's "memorandum." The real weight was 3.2044 ozs. but we do not weigh deposits beyond the second decimal; so that the return is 10 cents less than was indicated in the critical Examination of each piece. This being for the Government

we throw off the coinage charge, which would be 30 cents.

I deposited the proceeds as you request, with the Ass't Treas. U.S. in this City, in your name, to the Credit of the U.S. Treasurer, on account of a transfer of funds, and herewith forward the certificates.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Director's Clerk

Hon Chas. Clinton
Ass't Treas. U.S.
New Orleans, La.

July 10. 1

Sir,

The "small tin box containing 10¼ oz. of gold dust," mentioned in your letter of the 17th of June as having been sent to the Mint by Express, I regret to say has not yet come to hand. When received it will be counted into coin on the terms of the enclosed circular, and the Express Agent, who has an office in the Mint building, says he will, in this instance, count the coin into greenbacks and remit the proceeds. The Mint operates coinage but does not deal in bullion or greenbacks.

Yours Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Director

Mr. John Freeman
217 Third Street
St. Paul, Minn.

July 10. 1

Sir,

The Mint executes coinage for depositors of bullion on the terms of the enclosed circular, but does not exchange new coins for old ones at par. The $555. in silver coin mentioned in your letter of the 8th inst. will be recoined, when it comes to hand, if you desire it, but we cannot exchange.

Whole silver dollars are made chiefly for the India and China trade, and worth nearly eight cents, each, in silver, more than two halves or four quarters

Yours Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Director
per H.

Max Schamberg, Esq
Pittsburg
Pa

July 10. 71

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1st June 30. 72

Fifty Thousand
Eight hundred & Seventy five

July 1. 71

9,475.00
31,250.00
8,750.00
150.00
1,250.00
$ 50,875.00

Jas Pollock
Director

Geo S. Boutwell

per H. C. Hickok
Director's Clerk

P.S It is very desirable that we get the draft in time to make some payment on Friday then 14th inst.

July 11. 1.

Sir,

I send you to-day by Adams Express, new copper-nickel three cent pieces, to the amount of six hundred Dollars, in full of your order and remittance of the 5th inst.

In further reference to the instructions of the Secretary of the Treasury to re-issue the redeemed base coinage, a copy of which I enclosed in my letter of the 6th inst. I may remark that orders for base coinage, from private sources, almost invariably specify new coins, and very often refuse to accept any other, but prefer instead, to have their remittances returned to them.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. A. Hogeoff
Director

Hon. S. P. Tuttle
Ass't Treas. U.S.
Washington D.C.

July 12, 1.

Sir,

Your letter of the 8th inst. has been duly received.

There are no U. S. gold coins of the denomination of a quarter of a dollar, and half a dollar; and if any are made by private parties in California or elsewhere, it is in violation of the Act of Congress, approved June 8. 1864, a copy of which I herewith enclose, and which you will see imposes very severe penalties for imitating legal coins, or making, uttering & passing any of original design.

Yours Respectfully

J. Pollock

Director

Mr. J. G. Johannes

Leavenworth

Kansas

July 13. 1

Sir,

The assorted silver coins mentioned in your letters of the 8th and 11th inst. have been received and examined. They will produce, when recoined,

about $275. in whole dollars,
ditto 242. in halves &c.
Total $517.

If take the proceeds in half dollars &c. it will produce about $533.—

I have thought it better to give you this statement, and await yet further instructions, before proceeding with the recoinage.

Yours Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Director

Max Schamberg, Esq.
Pittsburg,
Pa.

July 13. 1.

Sir,

Your letter of the 12th instant has been duly received, and in compliance with your request, I herewith mail You a copy of my last annual report. I have further to add that the 5 cent copper-nickel coin was so adjusted that the diameter and weight should bear a determinate and simple ratio to the metrical unit of length; but nothing has been done in regard to the proposition to so coin the one cent and two cent pieces that they should weigh respectively five and ten grams, and bear the above stated ratio. I send You by mail a pamphlet copy of all the existing laws in reference to U. S. Coinage.

I am, Very Truly, Yours

J. R. Snowden

Director

Prof. Joseph Henry
Sec'y Smithsonian Institution
Washington D.C.

July 13th /

Sir

I have the honor to report that I have this day, deposited with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. in this City, to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, the sum of Fifteen hundred Dollars, on account of profits from the Medal Department of the Mint, and I herewith enclose the original certificate of the same

Very Respectfully

A. Elliott
Director

Hon Geo S. Boutwell
Secy of the Treasury
Washington
D. C

July 17. 1

Sir,

Your letter of the 13th inst. has just been received.

I regret to say that the gold dust you enquire about, has not yet been received at the Mint.

I wrote you on the subject on the 10th inst.

Yours Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Director

John Freeman, Esq.
St. Paul,
Minn.

July 16. 1

Sir,

Yours of the 15th inst. is just at hand.

The 3 pieces were sent you by mistake. If you will return them we will send you 2 pieces in their place; or if you can write, and choose & retain them, and will send a further remittance for 2 pieces, (or 6, as you may prefer) your order will be promptly filled.

Yours Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Director

S. W. Chadbourne, Esq
Cashier F. Nat Bk
Columbus
Wisconsin

July 19. 1

Sir,

The ring enclosed in your letter of the 18th inst. was duly received, and has been carefully Examined. It is composed of inferior gold inside, and silver outside, with solder. I regret to say that it is of so little value, that we can hardly state it at any 25 to 50 cents.

The ring is herewith returned.

Respectfully Yours

Director

B. F. Halsted, Esq
Trenton, N. J.

July 20th 1

Sir

Your of the 18th inst, inquiring about a draft for $200.00 Sent by you on the 23rd of June in exchange for 3 + 5 ℔ pieces, is received, and in reply I have to say, that the draft came to hand, and was acknowledged on the 26th of June, and the coin was Shipped to your address, by Adams & Express, on the 18th inst

Your Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Director

E. Squire Esq
Cash. Defiance Co Bank
Defiance
Ohio

July 21. 1

Sir,

The $32.50 in gold coin transmitted in your letter of the 14th inst. for Examination and recoinage, netted $32.15 for which I enclose triplicate Certificates of deposit from Asst Treas. Eagle, at Philadelphia, in behalf of James N Casey, Collector, N Orleans, to the credit of the Treas. U. S. for duties on imports, as you directed.

The pieces were from 1½ to 4 grains light; the two smaller ones from wear, mainly. The $20. piece had evidently been roasted in fire, but showed less loss than the others.

The acquisition of light pieces must be a matter of discretion with the Treasury Department; there being no law on the subject.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

W. Simpson, Esq
Cashier of Customs
New Orleans, La.

July 21. 1.

Sir,

Your letter of the 17th inst., via the Treasury Department, has been received today.

In reply I have to state that the first regular coinage of the United States was of copper, only, and began in 1793. The silver coinage began in 1794, and gold coinage in 1795.

There were but large and small dates of the copper cents of 1857.

The cent of 1799 is the rarest, and most difficult to obtain.

Yours Respectfully

[signature]
Director

Mr. J. A. Atkin
Rochester
N. Y.

July 25. 1.

Sir,

It will be impossible to deposit, as coin, the seven quarter and one half Eagles from the Asst Treas. at New Orleans, as directed in your letter (GP) of the 24th inst.; for the reason that they were necessarily mutilated or broken up in making the actual examination required of us, and they are now of no value to the Government or any body else, except as bullion.

If received, they will net $21.88. Shall I deposit the latter sum, in coin in lieu of the original pieces, and forward the certificates? Awaiting your instructions, I remain

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

per H.C. Hickcox
Director's Clerk

July 26. 1

Sir,

Your letter of the 24th inst, "GP," was received this morning, enquiring the cost of a scale for weighing single pieces of coins, for the use of the sub treasury at New Orleans.

I immediately addressed a note to Mr. Henry Noemmer of this city, and this afternoon received a reply, herewith enclosed, that he could make one suitable for the purpose, and similar to those made for San Francisco, and Carson City, for Ninety Dollars.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas Pollock
Director

Hon Geo. S. Bantwell
Secy of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

per H. C. Hickok
Director's Clerk

July 29. 1.

Sir,

Your remittance by draft, under date of the 27th inst. of $60. for the proceeds of which you desire a shipment of new American Silver dollars, has been duly received.

I regret to say that you labor under a misapprehension as to the business and operations of the Mint. We will execute Coinage for you, of any legal denomination, under the terms of the Enclosed circulars, if you will furnish bullion for the purpose; but we do not keep gold or silver coins for sale, or issue them in Exchange for paper money.

Your draft is herewith returned.

Yours Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Director
per H.C. Kirkpatrick
Chief Clerk

H. C. Landes, Esq., Cas.
Piqua, O.

July 29. 1.

Sir,

In pursuance of instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury, under date of the 28th inst., a copy of which is herewith enclosed, you will please furnish to the Ass't Treas. U.S. at New Orleans, La., at your earliest convenience, at a cost of not more than $90.- a pair of Scales to weigh single pieces of coin, with the weights and adjustments down to the 1/32 of a grain, all in good condition and accurate and reliable working order; subject to the inspection and approval of the Director, before shipment.

Yours Respectfully
H C Hickok
Cfa Director

To
Mr. Henry Troemner,
No. 710 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 29. 1.

Sir,

Enclosed I return you a new five dollar gold piece (½ eagle) in place of the one transmitted in your letter of the 21st inst. which upon Examination proved to be half a grain light (2 cts in value) from wear. It was a genuine piece, though not very well struck.

I may add here, that, by direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, a pair of Scales & weights suitable for weighing pieces of coin, will be forwarded to the Asst Treas. Clinton as soon as they can be made and tested.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Director

Chas. H. Shuster, Esq.
Acting Asst Treas. U.S.
New Orleans, La.

per H C Nichols
Director's Clerk

July 31 1

Sir,

In pursuance of the directions contained in your letter, "W B M", of the 28th inst, I have ordered from Mr. Henry Froemmer, of this city, a pair of Scales, for the Ass't Treas. at New Orleans, to weigh single pieces of coin; and am informed by Mr. Froemmer that they will probably be ready for delivery in about thirty days.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas Pollock
Director
per H. C. Hickok
Director's Clerk

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell,
Sec'y Treasury,
Washington
D. C.

Aug. 1st 71

Sir

At the close of business on the 31st ultimo, I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint, with the following present, viz.

Gold	$177.417.50
Silver	14.976.49
Ordinary Account	76.504.21
Copper Fund	228.943.50
San Francisco Br. Mint	7.616.32
Denver " "	242.70
Charlotte " "	161.20
Carson City " "	752.41
Base Coins redeemed	237.957.97
Total	$744.572.30

which corresponds with his Books.

I also made examination

into the general condition and operations of the Mint, and the Institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully Yours

A. Loud

Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Aug. 1st 71

Sir

Enclosed I forward my official statement of the amount and kind of base coinage redeemed during the month of July 1871 under the Act of March 3d 1871, as also the amount previously redeemed, and the total amount redeemed.

Very Respectfully Yours

Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Aug. 1st 71

Sir

Referring to your letter "J.S.K" of March 22d and 29th 1871, I have to report that some of the supplies ordered from different parties for the Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, are ready for delivery, and the remainder will be furnished as soon as they can be got ready.

I will thank you to me to what point on the Railroad they shall be shipped, and whether I shall send them by Express, or by the ordinary freight lines.

Very Respectfully Yours

A. Pollock
Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Aug. 11th 1

Elihugh Harmon

Sir

Your letter duly rec'd.

The other letter to which you refer was not a forgery. Your metal was assayed in duplicate, that is, it was submitted to the double test, and was found to be metallic lead as stated in the former letter. There is no gold or silver in it.

I enclose a report from our Assayer giving you direct official proof that the letter, as well as the assay of your

metal, were correct and genuine.

Yours &c

Jas Pallot
Director

Aug. 11th 71

Sir

Your letter of 9th inst, duly received.

In reply, I would say, that the columns referred to show the amount that will be paid at the Mint for foreign gold and silver coins. And the tables are adjusted, not to new coins (except where so stated) but to those somewhat worn, as they are generally met with.

The pending Coinage Bill reduces the deduction on gold coin from ½ to ⅗ per cent; so that in the event of its passing the gold coins will be worth ⅗ of one per cent more than is at

(over)

present stated in our table.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Director

Capt. H. P. Tuttle
Paymaster U. S. N.
Washington D.C.

Aug. 11th 71

Sir

In accordance with the directions of your letter of the 8th instant, I this day deposited with the Asst. Treasurer of the U. S. at Philadelphia, to the Credit of the Treasurer of the U. S. twenty one 88/100 dollars ($21.88) proceeds of the seven quarters and one half Eagles referred to, and have taken therefor a Certificate in duplicate in the name of Charles Clinton, U. S. Asst. Treasurer at New Orleans, La., as depositor, on acct of transfer of gold coin; the original of which I forwarded to the Treasurer of the U. S. at Washington; the Duplicate to Mr Clinton,

Very Respectfully Yours

Jno. C. Allen
Director

How'l Geo. S. Boutwell
Secty of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Aug. 11th 1

Sir

In accordance with the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury of the 8th inst, I this day deposited with the Asst. Treasurer at Philadelphia, to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S. twenty one 88/100 dollars ($21.88) proceeds of the seven quarter and one half Eagles referred to; and have taken therefor a certificate in duplicate in your name as Asst. Treas. U. S. New Orleans, as depositor, on account of transfer of gold coin, the original of which I forwarded to the Treasurer of the U. S. at Washington, and herewith enclose the Duplicate to you.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director

Hon. Chas. Clinton
U. S. Asst. Treasurer
New Orleans, La

Aug. 11th 71

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forward to you as requested.
The duplicate I have
forwarded to Mr Clinton

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. [illegible]
Director

Hon. T. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington D. C.

August 11th 1

To whom it may concern:

During my absence at any time hereafter, My Chief Clerk, H. C. Hickcox, Esqr. is hereby authorized and empowered, to examine and certify, in my name and for me, as fully as I could do if personally present, all petty bills, for necessary and proper purposes, against the U. S. Mint; when presented by the party or parties (or their proper agents) furnishing the articles for the use of the Mint. the said Bills also to be verified by the operative officers ordering the same.

Witness my hand the day and year above written.

James Pollock
Director U. S. Mint

Aug. 14th 71

Sir

Your letter of the 9th instant has been duly received.

Silver dollars and half dollars were first coined by the U. S. Mint in 1794; and silver quarters in 1796.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Director
per J. C. C.

H. H. Hunn
Cashier
Memphis
Tenn.

Aug 16th 71

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 14th inst, to the Director of the Mint, just received, I respectfully enclose a copy of a letter from the Director transmitted to you at Washington D.C. on the 11th inst, the day of its date, in answer to your letter to him of the 9th inst.

The Director is out of town today, and I send the copy referred to, in advance of his expected return tomorrow.

Very Respectfully Yours

H C Kinsley

Director's Clerk

Capt. H. P. Tuttle

Paymaster U.S.N.

Laurel, Miss.

Aug. 16th 1

Sir

Yours of the 15th inst, inquiring about a deposit of $50 for pennies on your account by Gilbough, Bond & Co, "some time since", has been duly received this morning.

In reply I have to state that on examination of the Treasurer's Books as far back as January last, it does not appear that any such order has been received.

Very Respectfully
Jas Bullock
Director

F. F. Davis Esq. Cashier
Coatesville, Pa.

pa
H G Hickok
Director Clerk

August 18. 1.

Sir

Your letter of the 1[illegible]th inst. has just been received.

Your order of July 12th for $50. in small coins, was filled, and the coin shipped, on the 29th of July, by Adams Express.

The Mint will execute coinage for depositors of bullion, on the terms of the enclosed circular, but does not keep coin for sale, nor exchange coin for paper money.

Yours Respectfully

J. W. Pollock
Director

Carl F. W. Junger, Esq
Treas. &
Chicago, Ill.

August 21 1

Sir

Your letters of Saturday afternoon and this morning (Monday) have been rec^d.

When you next visit your office here, it will give me much pleasure to have a full and free conversation with you on the subjects referred to in your communications.

Very Respectfully
Yours &c
J. A. Pollock
Director

To
Lycurgus Eyster Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint.

Augt 23. 1

Sir,

Your letter of the 21st instant, has been duly received.

Enclosed I forward duplicate certificates of the official count, in the cases to which you refer, and which are undoubtedly correct.

A box of pennies received from you yesterday, was open at the end, and the pennies falling out, when it reached the Mint — the box being too old and weak for its heavy contents. If you do not pack your coin more securely, you must expect to suffer loss.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Director

Mr. E. Lissner,
Boston, Mass.

Augt 25. 71

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. "H." of the 24th inst. in which you inform me that such statements have been made to you in regard to the Mint at Philadelphia, that you have felt it to be your duty to appoint a committee to make an Examination of its affairs, at the head of which you place the Hon. R. W. Taylor, First Comptroller of the Treasury.

You do not advise me of the character of these Statements; but whatever they may be, & by whomsoever made, I invite the fullest Examination, and will

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every facility to the committee,
for the investigation.

Yours, Very Respectfully.

Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Aug. 30th 1

D. J. McCarthy Esq.

Sir

You letter, and mineral, have been duly received.

The ore is simply black oxide of iron, and contains no trace of any precious metal. It is very common and of no value.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director

Aug. 30th 1

Sir

I have duly received your letter of the 23d inst, informing me that you have commenced proceedings, under the Act of Congress of June 5th 1864, against certain manufactures in Leavenworth of gold coins of "original design" of the denomination of half a dollar, and enclosing for my examination a specimen of the coins; also enclosing a printed copy of the opinion delivered by the U.S. Commissioner, before whom the preliminary hearing was had, and asking my advice as to the legal merits of the case, and your further duty in the premises.

I delivered the sample to J. R. Eckfeldt Esq, Assayer of the Mint, by whom it was subjected to a careful examination and assay with the following result, viz.

"The coin, bore on the obverse

a female head, with thirteen stars, and date 1871. On the reverse a wreath with the legend Half dollar Cal.

"The weight was seven grains and six tenths (7.6), and the fineness five hundred and twenty parts in a thousand. (520)

"Consequent value just seventeen cents (17) gold.

"The legal standards of the dollar, the smallest gold coin issued by law, are, weight 25 8/10 grains; fineness 900 thousandths, or, nine tenths fine."

All the gold and silver coins of the U. S. ~~of the present issue~~ are 900 thousandths fine; that is, 900 parts pure metal, and 100 parts alloy.

You will thus see how gross an imposition — aside from illegality, in quality — are the gold half dollars, so called, now largely issued in Kansas.

In my judgment your action in this case was as most

the performance of a plain official duty, and both the reasoning and conclusion of the Commissioner sound and just. The case, under the facts stated, clearly comes within the provisions of the Act of June 8th 1854. In fact, it is one of the identical cases to meet which the Act in question was framed and passed; and it is due, both to the public and to the lawful coinage of the Country, that its penalties should be enforced.

Beyond this expression of opinion however, it is not my province to go. If you have any doubt as to your official duty in the matter, I would suggest that you report the circumstances to the Attorney General of the U. S. and take your instructions directly from him, as the responsible law officer of the Government.

I should add, that the coin you sent, being barely

enough to make an assay, has, of course, been wholly used, and I am therefore unable to return it to you.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Hall
Director

Hon Albert H. Horton
U. S. District Attorney
Atchison, Kansas.

Aug. 31 1

Sir

Hereafter, in issuing orders for supplies or materials for the Mint, you will please give notice to the parties furnishing the same that duplicate receipted bills must be presented for payment within the month in which the articles were delivered.

The monthly payment of Bills will be the rule hereafter, and must be rigidly observed in all cases

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Director

Geo. Eyster Esq
Treas. U S. Mint

Aug. 31 1

Sir

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Very Respectfully
A. Patterson
Director

Pro's.
Jas. C. Booth
M. & R. U. S. Mint

Aug. 31 1

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The monthly payment of Bills will be the rule hereafter, and must be rigidly observed.

Very Respectfully

Director

J. R. Eckfeldt Esq
Assayer U. S. Mint

Aug. 31 1

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The monthly payment of Bills will be the rule hereafter, and must be rigidly observed in all cases.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director

A. L. Snowden Esq
Chief Coiner U.S. Mint

Aug. 31 /

Sir

Hereafter, in issuing orders for supplies or materials for the Mint, you will please give notice to the parties furnishing the same, that duplicate receipted bills must be presented for payment within the month in which the articles were delivered.

The monthly payment of Bills will be the rule in the future, and must be rigidly observed.

Very Respectfully

H. Linderman

Director

Mr. Barber &
Engraver U.S. Mint

Aug. 31 /

H. B. Grant Esq.

Dr Sir

Yours of 25th inst. duly recd.

There was no trace of gold in your deposit of 19th July.

Yours Truly

J. W. Orrock

Director

Sept. 1st 71

Sir

Enclosed I forward my official statement of the amount and kind of base coinage redeemed during the month of August 1871 under the Act of March 3d 1871; as also the amount previously redeemed, and the total amount redeemed.

Very Respectfully Your

Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Sept 1st 71

Sir

At the close of business on the 31st ultimo, I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint, with the following result, viz.

Gold	130.520.06
Silver	64.898.44
Ordinary Account	61.766.29
Copper fund	222.900.86
San Francisco Br. Mint.	951.72
Denver " "	242.70
Charlotte " "	161.20
Carson City " "	747.16
Base coins redeemed	
Total	282.432.58
	$764621.01

which corresponds with his Books

I also made examination

into the general condition and operations of the Mint, and the institution was found to be in good working order and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington D.C.

Sept 1st 71

Sir

Enclosed I forward my official statement of the Deposits and Coinage at the Mint of the United States during the month of August 1871.

Very Respectfully Yours

Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Sept 5th 1

Gents

Your letter of the 4th inst, stating that on the 14th of August you had sent $300.- for 3 cent coin and on the 19th of August $100.- for returns in 1 cent pieces, has been received, and in reply I have to state that the coin was shipped to your address on the 4th inst.

The cause of the delay was, that we had no coins of the denomination asked for, on hand, and as we were settling our accts for the fiscal year, were not in condition to coin them at once

Respectfully Yours
Samuel Pollock
Director
Per Vogdes

N. Holmes & Sons
Pittsburgh
Pa

Sept 7 1

Sir

Yours of the 6th, inquiring about $1040,— in small coin sent for redemption, is received.

In reply I have to state that the cause of the delay in making returns is

First, the accumulation of coin for redemption.

Second, the suspension of work at the Mint for several days.

The coin will now receive attention in its regular order

Your Respectfully
James Pollock
Director
per Vogdes

W. Ravistigh Esq
Cash. N. Y. & Brooklyn Ferry Co
Williamsburgh
N. Y.

Sept 7th 1

Sir

Yours of the 5th inst, inquiring about coin sent for redemption, is received, and in reply I have to say that the Certificates were forwarded to the Treasurer at Washington on the 4th inst for $1.258.49

Respectfully Yours
James Pollock
Director
per Vogel

John H. Schultz Esq
41 Lee Avenue
Brooklyn E.D.
A.Y.

Sept 8. 1

Sir

I will thank you to send me half a dozen copies of your "Estimate Circular" of September 1st. I need them to accompany the blank "Estimates of Appropriations" which I shall forward to the Branch Mints and Assay Offices.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury

Sept 8. 1

Sir,

The 3 & Silver pieces referred to in your letter of the 5th inst. will be delivered to any person that you may authorize to call at the Mint and get them; but we cannot undertake to send them by the line of steamers that brought them, nor to act as your broker and sell them on y[illegible] account as you have [illegible]

Your shipment of Aug[illegible] was delayed by the Mint being closed several days, and the accumulation of coin.

Yours &c

Jas Pollock

Director

per H

S. F. Massman

Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sept. 11th /

C. B. Relyea
New Haven, Conn.

Dr Sir

Your letter of Sept 8th, enclosing one dollar ($1 00/100) for an uncirculated Nickel Cent of 1856, has been duly received.

The Mint does not deal in coins, as rarities; only in the legitimate course of business, consequently I am unable to send the coin wanted, and herewith return the one dollar.

You may be able to get the coin from a regular dealer in them. Yours Respy

Director

Sept. 14 1

T. M. Bradshaw Esq
Box 64, Chicago Ills

Sir

Your letter of 10th inst. duly rec'd.

The Mint does not deal in old coins, and we have no price list of them, as you want.

I enclose a list of Medals for sale at the Mint, which is the only thing of the kind we have.

You can always procure proof sets of the year's coinage, in the year in which they are struck

Yours Respectfully
Jas. Ross Snowden
Director

Sept 14th 1

Sir

Your of the 12th inst, asking about $170. worth of Small coin ordered by you on the 21st of August last, has been received.

We did not have the coin on hand when your order was received, and for several reasons were not able to make them at once, but hope hereafter to be able to fill orders more promptly.

The coin was shipped to your address by Adams Express on the 12th inst.

Your Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director

Wm. M. Collin Esq
Cashr First Nat'l Bank
Lancaster Hall
N. Y.

Sept 15th 1

Sir:

Yours of the 13th inst, inquiring about $30.00 worth of one cent pieces ordered by you on the 22nd of August last, is received.

He did not have the coin on hand when your order was received, and for several reasons was not able to make them at once, but hope hereafter to be able to fill orders more promptly.

The coin was shipped to you address by Adams Express on the 12th inst.

Yours Respectfully,

Director

S. H. Arman Esq
Cash't Aquidneck Nat'l Bk
Newport
R. I.

Sept. 15 1

Sir

Your letter of 11th inst, has been received.

The Certificate for your coin, sent for redemption, was forwarded to the Treasurer at Washington on August 25th.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director

Jas. W. McCulloch Esq
Post Master
Springfield Ills

pr J.C.P.

Sep. 15th 1

Sir

The specimens of minerals received from you have been sufficiently examined to warrant the following statement.

No. 1. Iron pyrites with a little galena (lead) from Coal measures.

No. 2, Carbonate of lime

Nos. 3 & 4. Carbonate of lime with a little galena.

No. 5. Galena (sulphide of lead).

No. 6 Copper pyrites.

If the galena and copper pyrites should be abundant they might prove productive.

If a regular analysis be required, it will be attended to upon the receipt of the regular Mint charge, which is five dollars ($5.00) for each specimen.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Ryan
Director

Caleb H. Graves Esq.
Wellsboro Tioga Co. Pa.

Sept. 15th 1

Dear Sir

Your note received.

In compliance with your request, I send by the bearer, for the use of the Director of the Mint in Mexico, the following documents, viz,

1st Copy of the Laws of the United States 'Mint
2d " " of instructions for transaction of business &c
3d Rules &c for Annual Assay
4th Copy of my last Annual Report

These documents will furnish all the information your friend requires

Yours Very Truly

Jas Ross

Henry C. Lea Esq.
Philadelphia

Sept. 15th 71

To whom it may concern.

Until further orders James C. Pollock, Assistant to the Chief Clerk, is authorized and directed, during my absence, or the absence of my Chief Clerk, Henry C. Hickok Esq; to endorse all checks and drafts on business of the Mint, that may require my official signature.

Jas. Pollock
Director

Sept. 15th 1

To whom it may concern

During the absence of myself and my Chief Clerk, Henry C. Wickoff Esq, at any time hereafter, James C. Pollock, Assistant to the Chief Clerk is hereby authorized and empowered to examine and certify in my name and for me as fully as I could do if personally present, all petty bills for necessary and proper purposes against the U. S. Mint, when presented by the party or parties (or their proper agents) furnishing the articles for the use of the Mint, the said bills also to be verified by the operative officers ordering the same.

Witness my hand the day and year above written

Jas Pollock
Director

Sept. 15th 71

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Witness my hand the day and year above written

Jas. Pollock
Director

Sept. 15th 1

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter to A. L. Snowden Esq, Chief Coiner, of Sept. 14th, referred to me for answer, I would say that whilst the copper referred to therein is the kind used in our coinage, we have on hand an abundant supply, and do not desire to purchase at present.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Director

Edward Samuel Esq.
332 Walnut St.
Philadelphia

Sep. 15th 1

Gentlemen

Your letter of 12th inst, enclosing a piece which you call a charm, but which is really a coin of original design, has been received.

Although it is not in my province to express a legal opinion on the subject, yet, I have no hesitation in saying that the manufacture of those coins or charms would be in direct violation of the Act of June 8th 1864; passed to prevent the making of all such pieces, or "coins of original design".

Enclosed I send the piece you forwarded as sample.

Yours Respectfully

J. P. Bloch
Director

Mess.
Hershfield & Mitchell
Leavenworth
Kansas

Sep. 16th 1

Sir

Your letter of the 13th inst, enclosing a gold dollar to be exchanged for a silver dollar, has been duly received.

The Mint does not exchange coin in that manner; only in the legitimate transactions of business.

You can procure a "Proof set" of the year's coinage, consisting of Silver dollar, half, quarter, dime, half-dime, nickel 5¢ piece, 3¢ piece and one and two cent pieces, for three dollars, in silver, and three and a half, currency, in the year in which they are struck.

Enclosed I return the dollar, and three 6¢ stamps, enclosed in your letter.

Respectfully Yours

J. R. Pollock

Director

C. L. Bush Esq
Coal Boatmen's Sav. Ins.
St. Louis. Mo.

Sept 19 1

Dear Sir

In reply to your inquiries, under date of the 14th inst. I have to state —

1. The weight of 120 million dollars, in U.S. gold coin, is 6,450,000 ozs. troy.

2. 4. The above, cast into a solid block, would measure 410.26 cubic feet; and would make a cube whose sides would be each 7.4305 feet.

3. The above sum, in ten-dollar pieces, packed by piling (which is the greatest economy of space) in boxes measuring one foot each way, inside, would take 498 boxes. (Strictly 495.87.)

I may add that bar-gold is generally fine, not standard. A cubic foot of fine gold is worth $362,600; of standard, $292,500.—

Truly yours

J. Pollock

Wm Brown Esq.
Montreal

Sept. 20th '71

Sir

Your telegram of yesterday received.

I have directed the Express Company to deliver the Box of Indian Medals to you without previous payment of the Bill.

The amount of the Bill is $1521. payable in coin.

Please cause the remittance of the amount to be made to me soon as practicable, so that we may adjust our account for the silver used in the manufacture of the medals.

Yours Respectfully

[signature]
Director

H. R. Clum Esq.
Acting Com'r. of Indian Affairs
Washington, D.C.

Sept. 21st 1

Wm. A. Cornwall Esq.
Attorney for Ann Forshey
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 14th inst, has been duly received.

On examination of our Books, it appears that on the 16th day of February 1867, Henry L. Garfield deposited 136.70 ounces of gold dust, and on the 3d day of March 1867, he was paid two thousand three hundred and thirty one 95/100 dollars ($2331.95) in gold, for the said deposit.

Yours Respectfully

Director.

Dep. 21st 1

Sir

Deliver to James C. Booth Esq. Melter and Refiner, five thousand dollars by tale and weight, of the old copper cents redeemed under the Act of March 3d 1871; for remelting, as per letter of the Secretary of the Treasury of June 3d 1871.

Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Director

Geo. Eyster Esq.
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sep. 21 1

Sir

Your letter of 20th inst, enclosing an old copper cent of 1808 &c, has been duly received.

Coin Collectors find three varieties of cents of 1808, viz:

One with 12 Stars
One with 13 Stars, and
One with 8 struck over 7 in the date.

The piece sent is too much worn to be assigned to either port, tho' it most probably belongs to the latter.

Enclosed I return the coin sent.

Yours Respectfully
J. Pollock
Director

Henry F. Geyer Esq.
Mechanicsburg
Pa

Sept. 22d 71

Sir

Yours of the 21st inst, is received, requesting the Bill for Indian Medal be paid in currency; Enclosed find Bill so made.

Amount in Silver	$1521.00
Premium 11 pr ct for silver	167.31
Am't in currency	$1688.31

Please remit draft in currency.

Enclosed find vouchers for the same. Please sign and return

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Director

H. R. Clum Esq.
Acting Com'r. Indian Affairs
Washington D.C.

Sept. 23rd 1

To whom it may concern

I, James Pollock, Director of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, do hereby appoint my Chief Clerk Henry C. Hickox Esq, to act for me during my temporary absence from the Mint on account of sickness, or any other sufficient cause; and authorize and empower him, during such absence, to examine and sign for me and in my name as Director, all coin and other warrants, drafts &c, relating to the business of the Mint, as fully as I could do if personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said Chief Clerk, acting for me as aforesaid, may or shall lawfully do in the premises.

Jas. Pollock

Director U.S. Mint

Sept 22. 1

Sir,

I return you bill for the Bankers Magazine for the year ending June 1872, with a draft which you will forward duplicate receipt to bill, when the money will be sent you by the next return mail.

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

J. Smith Homans Jr. Esq
Publisher
New York

Sep. 23d 1

Dear Sir

Your letter of 20th inst. inquiring for draft of $300 for small coin, on Nat. Park Bank, New York, said to have been sent on the 24th of August last; has been duly received.

On examination of our Books I find that no such draft has been received at the Mint.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Director

Robt. A. Baker Esq
Banker
Fond du Lac
Wis.

Sept. 26th 71

Dear Sir

You are probably aware that the sample of rock sent by you for assay, is a carbonate of lime, with a few crystals of sulphide of lead.

If you wish to have the mineral examined for silver, the charge will be five dollars; but I must candidly say the prospect is very unpromising.

Respectfully Yours

W. G. Wolf
Director

Mr O. P. Mitchell
or, Mr Byington Salisbury
Mineral Springs
Adams Co.
Ohio

D. 1. 26th 71

Sir

Your letter of the 23d inst, enclosing Treasury Draft on the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. in New York, No. 11882, for $1.688 99/100 in currency payable to my order as Director of the U. S. Mint, in payment for Indian Peace Medals furnished your Bureau, as per Bills rendered; has been received.

Receipts for the medals also received.

Very Respectfully

Director

H. R. Clum Esq.
Acting Comr. of Indian Affairs
Washington D. C.

Sep. 26th 71

Dear Sir

Your letter of 23d inst, enclosing one dollar currency for silver coins of 1871, for corner stone of church; has been duly received.

As the Mint does not sell or exchange silver for currency, I have procured for you at market rates the coin you desired, and herewith enclose it. Silver is selling today at 12 pr cent.

The ap is then as follows, viz.

1/2 dollar	1871,	50¢,	12 pr ct	.56
1/4 "	"	25	"	.28
1 dime	"	10	"	11
				.95
Postage				6
				$1.01 =

There is no coin of 1872 yet struck.

Respectfully Yours

J. A. Pollock
Director

Prof. Saml. Hart
Trinity College,
Hartford Conn

Sept 26. 1

Sir

Enclosed I remit Five Dollars ($5.) in full of your duplicate receipted bill for the Banker's Magazine to July, 1872.

Respectfully

Jos. Pleasant
Director

J. Smith Homans, Jr., Esq
Pub. Banker's Magazine
New York

Sep. 27th 1

Sir

Yours of 22d inst, received.

We answer your inquiries as follows; There were two varieties of cents struck in 1808, one with 12 and the other with 13 stars, also a variety made by striking 1808 over the date of the cent of 1807. Also two varieties in 1817, about one tenth of the number coined with 15 stars, and the balance 13 stars. In 1841 two varieties, about equal numbers, with large and small dates.

You can buy J. R. Snowden's Coin Manual at most of the Book Stores in this City, which includes the coins and coinage of the United States.

American coins can, I presume, be bought at any regular coin dealers in New York or Philadelphia.

Yours Respectfully

J. C. Conte
Rochester, N.Y.

Jos. Cowen
Director

Sep. 27th 1

Sir

By direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, under date of the 28th of July, last, I have procured of Mr Henry Troemner, of this City, a coin balance for your official use; with a series of weights from 516 grains, Troy, down to the 1/32 of a grain.

After being completed it was brought to the Mint and carefully tested and adjusted by our own experts, and yesterday forwarded to you by the Adams Express, as per the enclosed duplicate receipt.

Please advise me of its arrival.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Director.

Chas. Clinton Esq
Ass't. Treasurer U. S.
New Orleans, La

Sept 27th 71

Sir

The coin balance for Charles Clinton Esq, Assistant Treasurer U. S, at New Orleans, La, ordered per your letter of the 28th of July last, of Henry Troemner of this City; has been finished; and, after being brought to the Mint and carefully tested and adjusted, was yesterday forwarded to Mr Clinton, at New Orleans, by Adams Express.

Express receipt herewith enclosed.

I have approved Mr Troemner's receipted bill in duplicate for $90, the contract price, and herewith forward the same to the Department for payment, according to your directions.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Director

Hon Lyn. S. Boutwell

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington, D.C.

Sept. 27th 71

Sir

In order to avoid delay in the payment of coin warrants to depositors of bullion; and warrants for the payment of bills against the Mint and Branches; as also the collection of Drafts and checks for the purchase of base coins; I have prepared a paper authorizing my Chief Clerk Henry C. Hickok Esq. to act for me during my temporary absence from the Mint on account of sickness or other sufficient cause; and while thus absent, to sign all official drafts and warrants on Mint business, for me and in my name.

I enclose a copy of the paper referred to, and respectfully ask your approval of the arrange-

ement.

It has been the uniform custom and practice, under all former administrations, for the Director's clerk to act for the Director in his absence.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock
Director

Hon George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Sept. 29th 1

Dear Sir

My annual Report now in the printer's hands, contains a description of Mr Miller's process (in brief), with a very favorable judgment upon it, after a full trial here. The Report cannot be issued until the opening of Congress in December, when I shall forward you several copies.

I have not yet decided what course to pursue, with a view to obtain the right to use this process. We are not doing much work at present, and cannot expect much until specie payments are resumed. I should like to know, however, whether Mr Miller would agree to take a certain price per ounce operated on, whether for parting or for refining metals, or whether he prefers to sell the patent for a definite sum.

Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Director

E. S. Renwick Esq.
Attn. for Prof. Miller

Sept. 30th 71

Sir

I herewith forward my report of the operations of the Mint and Branches and the Assay Offices, for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1871.

Very Respectfully Yours

Director

Hon George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Sept. 30th 71

Sir

I send you today, under a separate envelope, my report of the Operations of the U. S. Mint and Branches, and Assay Offices, for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1871.

I also enclose herewith, two printed copies for your own convenience.

The report will not be made public until after your own report has been sent in to Congress.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Director

Hon George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Oct. 2nd 71

Sir

In compliance with your Circular letter of August 28th 1871, I herewith transmit a List of the Officers and Agents employed in this Institution on the 30th day of September 1871; with the State or Country where born and appointed from, and the amount of compensation allowed to each.

Very Respectfully Yours

[signature]
Director

Hon John Allison
Register of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Oct. 2d 71

Sir

At the close of business on Saturday, the 30th ultimo, I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint, with the following result, viz,

Gold	$167.873.97
Silver	118.140.46
Ordinary Account	45.079.85
Cent Coinage account	251.231.71
San Francisco Br. Mint	951.72
Denver " "	242.70
Charlotte " "	161.20
Carson City " "	656.14
Base coins redeemed	289.732.26
Total	$874.070.01.

which corresponds with his Books.

I also made examination into the general condition and

operations of the Mint, and the institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. A. Pollock
Director

Hon George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Oct. 2d 71

Sir

Enclosed I forward my official statement of the amount and kind of base coinage redeemed during the month of September 1871, under the Act of March 3d 1871, as also the amount previously redeemed, and the total amount redeemed.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. A. Bolles

Director

Hon George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D. C.

Oct. 3d 77

Sir

I have received from Hon J. F. Hartley, Acting Secretary of the Treasury, a copy of your letter of Sept. 27th to the Treasurer of the U. S. complaining about your shipments of base coin for redemption.

In reply I have to say, that your charges of negligence, fraud and rascality against the employes of the Mint, are utterly and absolutely false, and without foundation in fact.

More than ordinary care was taken, by my directions, with your shipments of coin, because of your continual fault finding: and every lot of coin of which we have received any advices as belonging to you, has

been carefully assorted, accurately counted, and the proper certificates duly forwarded by mail to the Treasury Department, according to the regulations; the last two being September 26th, for $1.139.78, and Sept. 29th, for $1.049.85.

Since the receipt of the Honorable Secretary's letter, I have given your case a careful and thorough examination, and find that you have no just cause of complaint against this institution.

Yours Respy.

Jas. Pollock
Director

B. F. Moerman
146 Avenue D.
New York

Oct. 3d 71

Sir

Your letter (J.J.K) of the 3d ultimo, has been duly received, enclosing copy of a letter from "S. F. Moseman of Brooklyn N.Y. addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, complaining of negligence and fraud at the Mint in the receipt and remittance of the minor coinage."

In reply I have to say that Mr. Moseman is an old correspondent, who has given us more trouble than all other shippers of base coinage put together. His charges against the employes of the Mint, of negligence, fraud and rascality in receiving and accounting for his shipments of the minor coinage, are utterly and absolutely false, and without any justification whatever. Copies of the official

count of the first few lots of coin, of which he complains so much, were forwarded to him that he could see the result and our mode of doing business. In one of those cases he said he found his Cash account short ten dollars, but that we would find it in the keg; but we did not find it in the keg.

The other alleged deficiencies of which he complains, were his own fault, or the fault of his employees, and not ours. In one case he sent several dollars worth of silver 3d pieces. He was duly informed that they were not redeemable, and that we held them subject to his order. He has not yet sent for them.

The suspension of operations at the Mint within the

last few weeks, occasioned some delay and a consequent accumulation of coin, and of these facts he had official notice.

In two other instances some delay arose from the fact that he did not comply with the regulations prescribed by Secretary Boutwell's Circular of April 12th 1871; the bags containing no schedule of contents, and the letters of advice, supposed to be in his handwriting, having no signature or name, and we, of course were not at liberty to guess at the ownership of the coin.

Since the receipt of your letter I have again made careful inquiry, and find that all shipments received from him have been duly disposed of

and properly accounted for.

By my direction, more than ordinary pains have been taken in his case, because of his persistent complaints.

Our arrangements for assorting and counting base coins sent in for redemption, and the number and character of the persons conjointly employed in that service, are such, that frauds are impossible; and the Mint count, by which we of course are governed, may be relied upon as correct.

In all cases where there is any discrepancy between the alleged amount of coin, and the amount returned by our counters, exceeding the amount of any rejected coin, the coins are weighed and a calculation made to test

the accuracy of the count.

In illustration of Mr Mossman's former transactions with the Mint, I enclose a letter from Mr G. C. Thompson, Agent of the Adams Express Company, located in the Mint building; which speaks for itself.

Mr Mossman will have nothing to do with the Express Companies now, or rather, they with him, as appears by his letters, but sends his base coins by the lines of Steamers, which are less prompt and expeditious than the Express Companies.

I also enclose a blank Certificate of the official count.

In compliance with your request I have written to Mr Mossman in regard to his complaints, and herewith

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forward a copy of the letter
for your consideration.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon J. F. Hartley
Acting Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Oct. 4th 71

Dear Sir

I am pleased with the form in which you (on behalf of Prof. Miller) place the terms of an offer for the use of his patent.

I am sure it is the most practicable form, and will save, I think, the necessity of asking Congress for an appropriation, providing the Secretary of the Treasury will approve and authorize such Contract.

At the same time it is necessary to delay the business until we see what is to be done with the pending Bill, which makes a revolution in the management of Mint

affairs, and on which, if passed, a new tariff of Mint charges will no doubt be constructed.

Until then, we cannot fairly tell what would be "the saving effected, both in refining (parting, as we say) and toughening," and consequently can make no arrangements for the use of Mr Miller's process.

I will write again as soon as the way is clear.

Yours Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Director

E. S. Renwick Esq.
Attys. for Prof. Miller
19 Park Place
New York

Oct 4th 71

Sir

Enclosed I forward my official statement of the Deposits and Coinage at the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia, during the month of September 1871.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Director

Hon George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D.C.

Oct. 4th 71

Sir

Your letter (G. P. L.) of the 3d inst, inquiring about the monthly count at the Sub Treasury in this City, has been duly received.

The original instructions, as will be seen by reference to your letter of January 25th 1870, were sent to the Naval Officer and Surveyor of the Port, and notice of that fact, with a copy merely, sent to me, which made them virtually the principals in the affair, and, as the Custom House is a mile from the Mint, and my two colleagues are in the same building with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, and always at hand, it has been

the custom for either the Surveyor or Naval Officer to fix a time for the count and give me notice. In the absence of the customary notice from them, the matter escaped my attention.

Since the receipt of your letter this morning, I have had a conference with those Officers, and the count will be resumed as usual.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jos. Pollock

Director

Hon. George S. Boutwell

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington D.C.

Oct 6. 1

Sir,

Enclosed please find copy of a correspondence between the Director of the Mint and the Secretary of the Treasury, on the subject of the authority conferred upon the Director's Clerk to sign warrants &c during the Director's absence.

By order of the Director
H C Hickok
Director's Clerk

Hon Geo Eyster
Treas. U. S. Mint

Oct. 6th 71

Sir

I have the honor to report that I have this day deposited with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. in this City, to the Credit of the Treasurer of the United States, the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars, profits from the Medal Department of the Mint; and I herewith enclose the original certificate of the same, No. 6557, of this date.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D.C.

Oct. 7th 71

Sir

In forwarding to you the Estimates of appropriations for the U. S. Mint and Branches, I respectfully call your attention, first, to the fact that in the Estimates for the U. S. Mint in this City, Philadelphia, the appropriation for wages of workmen and adjusters asked for, is $155.000.00; an increase of $30.000.00 over the appropriation for same purpose last year.

The necessity for this increase arises from the fact that the base coinage, from the profits of which a large proportion of these expenses has been heretofore paid, has been almost suspended, except in the redemption of such coinage, cleaning and counting for reissue, and re-melting the old

copper, and copper-nickel cents, in which service a large number of the employes, male and female, are engaged. This source of profit, and payment of employes and other expenses, will soon cease to be effective; consequently almost the entire, if not the whole expense, of the institution will be thrown upon our ordinary appropriations. Heretofore, as the base coinage was large, a large proportion of the general expenses, as has been said, was paid on base coinage account; for in conducting the operations of minting the gold, silver and base coins, the workmen and employes are so frequently and necessarily interchanged, and pass from one kind of coinage or work to another, according to the demands of the occasion, that it is almost impossible to say how many were

required for the gold and silver, and how many for the base coinage, or the operations connected therewith.

Circumstances thus control both the number and relative expenses of these branches of the coinage. The gold and silver coinage being so interlaced and intermixed with the base coinage; and a large proportion of the employes in each department being necessary and essential to the accomplishment of the work in either or both; it follows as an actual and imperative necessity, that our working force must be equal to the emergencies; and, if our employes cannot be paid out of the profits of the cent coinage, which cannot be done next year, the general appropriations for their wages must be increased.

In view of this state of facts, and for the purpose of economy, I have based

the present Estimates upon a large reduction of our working force.

Our present number, exclusive of Clerks, is 232; viz 176 men, 56 ladies. The number Estimated for is 125 men, 45 ladies; reduction 51 men, 11 ladies; total reduction 62, a saving of about $57,000.00 for the fiscal year.

I may be permitted to say in this connection, that within the past two years and a half, our force has been reduced 175, which, added to the proposed reduction of 62, will make a total of 237.

From all these statements and considerations, the necessity of the appropriation of $155,000.00 for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1873 is apparent. A less appropriation would very seriously affect the efficiency of our operations.

2nd For the reasons above stated we have

also asked that the appropriation for incidental and contingent expenses, including wastage on gold and silver, new machinery and repairs be increased $10.000.

Heretofore a large proportion of the incidental expenses of the Mint was paid out of the profits of the cent coinage. Hereafter, as already indicated, they must be paid in greater part, if not wholly, out of the ordinary appropriations. The sum estimated for ($40.000) cannot exceed, but may fall short of the amount that will be required for these expenses. This increase is deemed absolutely necessary.

3d. I also forward with the Estimates of the Branch Mints and Assay Offices, copies of the correspondence of their respective Superintendents, and cordially endorse and approve their recommendations and reasons for an

increase of appropriations, as indicated in their Estimates. I also approve and recommend the increase of salaries and clerical force asked for in those Estimates, and urge in the correspondence. Every consideration of public interest and justice requires that the increase of salary and appropriation should not only be favorably considered, but granted.

4th. I also enclose "Estimates of Deficiencies in appropriations for the U. S. Branch Mint at Carson City, Nevada", for the year 1870 & 1871; and 1871 & 1872; and for explanations refer to the letter of H. F. Rice Esq. Superintendent, which accompanies the Estimates.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Director

Hon. George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Oct. 9th 1

Gentlemen

Enclosed you will find copy of a letter from the Asst. to the Weigh Clerk of the Deposit Room, in reference to your deposit of Jewellers Gold.

I have given the subject full and careful examination, and find that every care was taken in the manipulation and melting of your deposit, that the deposit was very base, and required no less than three meltings to fit it for minting operations. These meltings were under the immediate supervision of careful and experienced officers of the Treasurer's department.

Every grain of your gold and silver has been accounted for.

Yours Truly

Jas. Pollock
Director

H. Muhr & Son
158 N. 2d St
Phila

Oct 11th 1

Dear Sir

Please call at the Mint and get a letter from the Treasury Department, addressed to you in my care, and which I suppose contains a warrant for the amount of your bill for the coin balances made for the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New Orleans, La.

Yours Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Director

Mr Henry Troemner
No. 710 Market St.
Philadelphia

Oct 11th 1

Sir:

Your letter of the 9th inst, inquiring when you may expect small coins in return for check of $500.00 sent for the same, is received, and in reply I have to say that the coins will be forwarded as soon as we can get them cleaned. Probably in three or four days

Yours Respectfully

Jas. O. Reed
Director

Wm. S. Carman Esq
Cashr. Mutual Bank
750. Broadway
New. York

Oct. 11th 71

Hon Marshall P. Wilder

My dear Sir

Your letter of the 2d inst. was received on the 5th inst.

Your communication was a personal gratification. It revived the memories of other years, pleasant memories connected with the Agricultural Banquet of 1856. Your life has been one of honorable usefulness, and efficient as honorable. The Pomological Society is doing great good, and deserves the approval and active co-operation of all who desire to add to "the comforts and happiness of Society."

In relation to the Medal for the Society, I can only say that we will afford every facility in our power to accomplish

your object. We are not authorized to prepare the dies gratuitously; but for about two hundred dollars ($200) (a nominal sum) with the consent of the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Boutwell, a suitable die could be prepared; the design and devices being furnished by your Society. The design proposed in your letter is a very good one, and appropriate. A Bronze Medal of the size of the Commodore Perry Medal, the dies being provided by the Society, could be furnished for from $1.00 to $1.25 each; gold and silver according to the value of the material. If you could procure the dies to be made by some of your home artists we would prefer it; and, when made and sent here, the medals could be struck in such number and of such material as you might direct.

Yours Very Truly.

Jas. Pollock

Director

Oct, 12th 71

Sir

The letter from the Treasury Department addressed to Mr. Henry Troemner, of this City, in my care, was opened by him in my presence, and its enclosure, Treasury Warrant No 1319, for $90, retained by him in payment of his bill for the Coin balance sent by your order to the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New Orleans, La.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock
Director

Hon George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Oct 13th /

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th inst, inquiring about $550. = worth of small coin ordered on the 19th of Sept, is received

In reply I have to say that we are doing our best to fill orders promptly, but as the coins are chained very slowly it will be about ten days or two weeks before your order can be filled

Your Respectfully

Director

Isaac Gaston Esq
Cash. 1st Stat Bank
of Newark. N. J.

Oct 14th 1

Sir

I herewith return check on Rockport National Bank of Rockport, Mass, for $300.00 payable to the order of H. R. Linderman, and sent for exchange in 1 and 5¢ nickel coins.

Please make the check payable to James Pollock, Director, as I have no authority to endorse personal checks of H. R. Linderman Esq.

Yours Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Director

D. R. Gott Esq.
Cash. Rockport Nat. Bank
Rockport Mass

Oct. 14th 71

Dear Sir

I have the honor to enclose to you a copy of the proceedings of a meeting of the Officers and Employes of the U. S. Mint, held on the 11th of October 1871 in aid of the citizens of Chicago, suffers by the recent conflagration,

The amount raised and paid to Treasurer of Relief Committee of this City, was $520.

By the 3d resolution, the amount contributed was to be forwarded directly to you for distribution, but the Committee, learning that it would be out of your power, in the multiplicity of your important duties, to give your attention to such distribution, I was directed by them,

to pay the same to A. J. Drexel Esq. Treasurer of the Relief Committee of this City, and forward to you this notice of the fact, with a copy of the Resolutions &c.

With a cordial appreciation of your earnest and noble efforts to relieve the sufferers; and with deep sympathy for the victims of this "National Calamity", I am,

With Sentiments of great regard

Yours Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Director

Lt. Genl. P. H. Sheridan
Chicago
Illinois

Oct. 10th 1

E. T. Barnes Esq.
14 Court St, Brooklyn

Sir

Yours of 16th inst, inquiring for 50 and 25¢ gold coin; has been received.

No such coins are made at the Mint, and never have been. Some few were struck by private parties in California a number of years since, and some have been recently struck in various parts of the Country; but all are illegal.

Yours Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Director

Oct. 17th 71

Sir

Referring to your letter (J.J.K) of March 22d 1871, I herewith enclose for examination and settlement, the following specified bills, properly receipted and approved, for apparatus and supplies forwarded to the Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho; viz;

1	Morgan & Orr,	Philadelphia	$869.08
2	Charles Gerlach,	do	92.24
3	Bullock & Crenshaw,	do	41.17
4	Charles J. Boulter,	do	146.00
5	Horatio G. Kerr	do	28.00
6	Charles Lennig	do	104.03
7	B.G. Boughton	do	54.88
8	William Hodges	do	22.50
9	A.G. Rowland	do	13.50
10	Martha Taylor	do	27.00

(over)

11	B. Taylor	Philadelphia	$60.90
12	Sellers Brothers	do	3.67
13	William R. Elliott	do	2.64
14	J. Goebel & Co	New York	57.00
15	F. J. Reuttinger	Philadelphia	43.35
16	Nathan Trotter & Co.	do	9.52
17	Powers & Weightman	do	48.57

There are three or four other bills yet to come in, but they are not of large amount, and in one instance the articles ordered are not yet ready for shipment; and as the above parties are anxious to get their money, it did not seem advisable to subject them to any further delay on account of the tardiness of others, for whom they are not responsible.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Ross Snowden

Director

Hon George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Oct. 19th 1

Sir

The weights sent by you to the Mint, have been adjusted, and are now of the correct standard. The following is a table of the variations in weight.

	Light Hundredths light		Heavy Hundredths heavy	
No. 1.	24	of an oz	No. 5	2 of an oz
No. 2	15	"	No. 9	10 "
No. 3	25	"	No. 10	14 "
No 4	2	"		
No. 6	13	"		
No 7	21	"		
No 8	21	"		
No 11	30	"		

They are ready, and await your order.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director

Capt. Wm. Prince
Commandant
Frankford Arsenal

Oct. 20th 1

A. London Snowden Esq.
Chief Coiner

Dear Sir

Yours of 12th inst, recd.,
and in reply have to direct, in accord
=ance with your suggestion, that in
future no charge shall be made in
the bills rendered by you to medal
account of time money.

In future the time con
=sumed in the manufacture of medal
will be reported direct to T. C. Pollock
Esq, who has charge of the Medal Accoun

Yours Respectfully

J. R. Pollock
Director

Oct. 21st 71

Sir

My Annual Report contains some account of the progressive improvement in the refining and parting of gold and silver.

You will observe that the sulphuric acid process is entirely and successfully established in the U. S. Assay Office in New York; and, with my approbation, the Melter and Refiner contemplates a similar change here, at least in part. We also wish to introduce the Chlorine Process, so far as applicable.

Meantime it is argued, and with reason, that if the Mint charges be reduced, so as to be in conformity with the improvements,

it will in a measure prevent the exportation of native bullion for refining, and tend to detain the specie in this Country. It is not creditable to us, that so much crude bullion, and even original ores, should be sent over the ocean to be worked.

I had indeed desired and intended to leave any further change or adjustment of Mint charges, until final action is taken upon the pending Mint bill. But the Assay Office at New York is urgent for a change, and there is really no good reason for delay. Moreover, there are some incongruities in the present rates, which ought to be removed.

I therefore propose the accompanying schedule, which is made up from the suggestions of

the operative officers here and in New York, and I believe will be acceptable to all. Or, if it is thought best to go no farther, I recommend the adoption of the new parting charges, simply.

It is of course to be under=stood that these rates apply only to the Philadelphia Mint, and the New York Assay Office.

I also take the oppor=tunity to say, that the Patentee of the Chlorine Process, through his Agent in New York, is very desirous to come to a definite arrangement in regard to the use of his Process in the Mint.

All things considered, we think here that it would be fair to offer him one cent an ounce, on gold bullion to be parted, and one half cent an ounce, on gold

bullion to be simply toughened.
whether this would be satisfactory
to the other party, I do not know;
but it will help us to come to terms.

I ask your approbation
of that offer, limiting it, if you
think proper, to one year, by which
time we can judge whether it
works equitably. It might also
extend to the other branches of the
Mint Establishment, if they wish
to use it.

For comparison I send
the present rate of charges, con=
=tained in printed instructions,
pages 7 and 8.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon'ble Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Rate of charges on deposits of Gold and Silver Bullion, at the Mint in Philadelphia, and at the Assay Office in New York.

I For toughening or refining.

On brittle gold, to be made into fine or standard bars or coin, one cent to three cents per ounce, according to the condition of the metal.

On brittle silver, to be made into fine or standard bars or coin, one third cent to three cents per ounce, according to condition.

On ductile gold, to be made into fine bars, one cent to three cents per ounce, according to condition. To be made into coins, the same charges on so much as is required to raise the whole to standard fineness.

On ductile silver, to be made into

fine, bars, one half cent to one and a half cents per ounce, according to condition. To be made into coin, the same charges on so much as is required to raise the whole to standard fineness.

II For Parting Gold from Silver.

Where the gold is under 350 thousandths, one and a half cents per ounce of the mixed metal.

Over 350 and under 700, two and a half cents per ounce

Over 700, three cents per ounce

And if the metal is brittle, the additional charge of one third cent to three cents per ounce, according to condition.

The parting is to be made whenever it yields one dollar over expenses.

If any special case should occur not referrible to any of the above items, the charge must be agreed upon between the Treasurer and the depositor, under advice of the Melter and Refiner or Assayer.

The separate charges hereto-=fore rated for making bars, are included in the refining and parting charges.

Oct. 21st 71

Sir

Referring to your letter (J.J.K) of the 16th instant; your letter (G.P.) of the 20th instant; and your telegram of the 16th instant, all in reference to two safes containing gold and silver coin, forwarded to the Mint by James E. McLean, U.S. Depositary at Chicago, Illinois; I have to report that the safes came safely to hand, with the seals unbroken. They were both carefully weighed, with the following result, viz.

The weight of the first safe, as telegraphed from Chicago, was 1058; weight at the Mint 1057½ lbs.

The weight of the second safe, as telegraphed from Chicago, was 998 lbs. Weight by Express memorandum

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99 lbs. As weighed at the Mint, 99 lbs.

The first safe contained 40 bags of coin, and the second safe 37 bags, the total number of bags being the same as tel=graphed from Chicago.

The safes were then duly opened and a careful count, examination and weigh=ing made of their contents.

Enclosed I transmit a separate statement of the contents and approximate value of each safe; and have further to report that the Double Eagles, Eagles and Half-Eagles are uninjured, and can readily be brightened up and made fit for circulation again. They are now undergoing that process, and as soon as it is

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completed, they will be transferred to the Assistant Treasurer U. S. in this City.

The remaining gold coins, together with the silver coins, and the burnt or fused mass will have to be recoined, which I shall have done as soon as may be practicable, and report the results to you.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Director

Hon. George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Oct. 24 1

Geo. B. Mucks Esq.
Rondout N.Y.

Dr. Sir

Your letter of 21st inst. duly received.

The coin sent to the Mint from Chicago has all been melted.

There were no pieces which would have answered your request.

Yours Resp'y.
Jas. Pollock
Director
per J.C.P.

Oct 27th 1

Sir

Yours of the 26th inst, enclosing Draft No 1287, for $100.00 to be exchanged for five, three and one cent pieces, has been received.

The fives and ones are now ready, but as we have no threes on hand and will not have for a day or two, we will send the whole together in the early part of next week.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Director

Hon T. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington D.C.

Oct 27th /

Sir

Yours of the 23rd inst, inquiring about gold dust, sent by you to the Mint for coinage on the 25th of September, is just received.

In reply I have to state that returns for the same amounting to $190.00 gold coin were forwarded to your address on the 3rd inst by Adams Express.

The Express Agent is now trying to trace it up.

Your Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Director

John Freeman Esq
217 Third St
St Paul, Minn

Octr 30th 1

Dear Sir

I have carefully considered your proposition in regard to the Independence Medal Dies.

I am sorry to find they are so large, as few persons care, or can afford, to buy Medals of such a size. The only chance we should have of turning them to account, would be in the Centennial Celebration, which however is nearly five years off. So far as the Mint is concerned, I would much prefer you should retain the dies until the time draws near; and indeed, that would be your best policy.

I would not feel justified in offering more than three hundred dollars for the dies, and cannot even do that without the concurrence of the Secretary of the Treasury, and a special appropriation by Congress. I submit this for your consideration.

Very respectfully yours

Jas. P. Wood
Director

Mr. F. C. Wright
156 Fulton St. N. Y.

Oct. 30th 71

Sir

I received a few days ago from R. C. Davis Esq. of this City, a letter on the subject of securing for the Mint Cabinet the collection of Coins, particularly the American portion, belonging to Paymaster Hodge; and enclosing a copy of a letter from Hon. T. E. Spinner Treasurer U. S. with whom he had corresponded on the same subject; with request to forward the same to you for your consideration and action. I enclose the copy.

I have no doubt, from what Mr Davis says, that some of the coins in the Hodge collec= =tion are rare and valuable, and, if secured, would be quite an

acquisition to our Cabinet
Collections.

I have no knowledge of
the Collection, nor has any cata-
-logue of the coins been sent to
me; but, if not too late, perhaps
some of the rare coins could be
retained or secured for the
Cabinet by your authority.

The Annual appropriation
for the Cabinet is only $600, and
but a small part, if any, of that
could be applied to the purchase.

The matter is respectfully
referred to you.

Very Respectfully Yours

Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D.C.

Oct. 31st 71

Sir

Your letter (J.S.K.) of the 17th instant, enclosing letter from Dr. Linderman London; and memorandum from M. Peligot, Assayer of the Paris Mint on bullion gold &c; also letter from Henry Bacon, Paris, describing Commune coinage, with a "Commune Five-franc piece"; was received on the 27th instant.

On conferring with the operative officers of the Mint on the subject of Dr. Linderman's communication, it appears that the matter has long been understood here; but this experiment by M. Peligot is probably the first which gives a definite idea of the amount of lead which will

render gold brittle. It also surprises us by showing, that while a very little has no effect upon the ductility of gold, a very little more will make it brittle.

There are other causes, however, quite as potent as the presence of a trace of lead; and without entering now into the subject at large, we may mention the presence of dioxide of copper in the alloy of a gold coin. It is necessary to have the purest copper for this purpose, and we are fortunate in these latter days, in having the article which comes from the Lake Superior Mines.

It is well known also, that a moderate exposure of fine ductile gold to the action of sulphurous vapor, will impair

its tenacity, and it is a curious fact that the dentist's gold foil, which must be perfect in that respect, in order to pack well, commands a higher price in London, if made in Philadelphia, than if made in London. The reason is, that the sulphurous gas which comes from their bituminous coal, and which clothes the whole city in the murky hue of "London Smoke", actually injures the gold leaf in the quality of ductility.

The increased use of sulphuric acid in parting or refining, undoubtedly has a tendency to make brittle gold, because it does not remove the lead so entirely as other processes. This renders it desirable that we should have the use of the Chlorine process, as recommended

in my letter of the 21st instant; because by that agent the brittling metals are entirely re=moved.

Still the amount of damage done to coins by gold not well refined, is not great. Occasionally a piece is brought back to us which will not ring, because of a slight flaw or crack on the edge.

I take this opportunity to propose an amendment to the re=vised Tariff of Charges, sent by the same letter (October 21st 1871) for your approval, on a suggestion from the New York Office, that the former (or present) charge for bar-making ought to be continued; as, without it, the terms will be too low.

"For fine gold bars, six cents per $100.
For fine silver bars, one half cent

per sure fine.

For standard bars of gold [illegible]

fifty cents per £100."

As no answer has been received to that communication, I renew my request for a settlement of this matter of charges.

If you think proper, please send Doctor Linderman a copy of the foregoing, so far as relates to brittle gold, with my thanks.

We are glad to have the Commune Five franc piece with its history, and thank him for it. It will be placed in the Collection of Coins in the Mint Cabinet.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Nov. 1st 71

Sir

Enclosed I forward my official statement of the amount and kind of base coinage redeemed during the month of October 1871, under the Act of March 3d 1871; as also the amount previously redeemed, and the total amount redeemed.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. C. Pollock
Director

Hon. George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D. C.

Nov. 1st 71

Sir

At the close of business on the 31st ultimo, I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint, with the following result, viz.

Gold	$117.994.99
Silver	77.480.39
Ordinary Account	30.824.98
Cent Coinage Acc	283.225.05
San Francisco Br. Mint	951.72
Denver " "	76.77
Charlotte " "	161.20
Carson City " "	650.54
Base coins redeemed	282.935.14
Total	$794.300.78

which corresponds with his Books.

I also made examinatio

into the general condition and
operations of the Mint & the
institution was found to be
in good working order and
its business conducted in a
careful and satisfactory manner.

Very respectfully &c.

Hon. George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Nov. 1st

Robt. Belknap Esq.
Washington D.C.
Dear Sir

Your letter of 31st ult, duly received.

The first large copper cents, and also the copper half cents, were coined in 1793, and were discontinued in 1857. None were struck after that year.

The first silver dollars, and half dollars were struck in 1794; First silver quarters, dimes and half dimes in 1796.

Of the old copper cents there were three (3) varieties struck in 1793, viz.

1st Chain cent, 2d flowing hair & 3d liberty cap.

In 1793 two (2) varieties were struck viz, 1st Thick die, and 2d thin die.

In 1794 two varieties, viz, 1st Liberty Cap, 2d Portion of hair covered by a hand.

In 1817, two varieties, viz, 1st 13 Stars, 2d 15 Stars.

Yours Truly

S. W. Poor

Director

Nov. 1st 1

Sir

You will please furnish for the U. S. Depositary at Chicago, two scales, one for weighing single pieces of coin (similar to that sent to the Asst. Treas. U. S. at New Orleans) and one for weighing letters and packages for the mail.

Pack and send them to H. H. Nash, Acting U. S. Depositary, Chicago, and send duplicate receipted bills to me, to be forwarded to the Treasury Department for payment.

Yours Respy.
Jas. Pollock
Director

Henry Troemner Esq
716 Market St
Philada.

Nov. 1st 71

Sir

I have modified the rule for the selection of pieces for the annual assay from each delivery of coins to you by the Chief Coiner (see pamphlet copy of the instructions for the transaction of business at the Mint, page 12, section 71) so as to require that four (4) pieces shall hereafter be selected by the Treasurer from each $1000 of dimes, half-dimes and silver three cent pieces, respectively.

Yours Respy.

Director

Geo. Eyster Esq
Treas. of the Mint

Nov. 1st 1

Sir

I have modified the rule for the selection of pieces for the annual Assay from each delivery of coins to the Treasurer of the Mint by the Chief Coiner (see pamphlet copy of the instructions for the transaction of business at the Mint, page 12, section 7) so as to require that four (4) pieces shall hereafter be selected by the Treasurer from each $1000 of dimes, half-dimes and silver three cent pieces respectively.

Yours Respectfully

J. A. Pollock

Director

A. Loudon Snowden Esq.
Chief Coiner U. S. Mint

Nov. 1st 71

Sir

I have modified the rule for the selection of pieces for the annual assay from each delivery of coins to the Treasurer of the Mint by the Chief Coiner (see pamphlet copy of the instructions for the transaction of business at the Mint, page 12, Section 7) so as to require that four (4) pieces shall hereafter be selected by the Treasurer from each $1.000 of dimes, half-dimes, and silver three cent pieces respectively.

Yours Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Director

J. R. Eckfeldt, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Mint

Nov. 2d 1

Sir

Your favor of 1st inst, in relation to the purchase of nickel coin of the Government of Honduras, by the Mint, has been duly received.

We have now on hand, and have had for a year past, an abundant supply of nickel, both in coins and mercantile form. We have really more than we can use, consequently cannot make the purchase you refer to.

Yours Respectfully

A. R. Pollock
Director

Wm H. Knoepfel Esq.
16 Cedar St
New York

Nov. 2d 1

Sir

Your letter of the 28th ult. enclosing a ten dollar gold piece for examination, has been duly received.

The piece weighs 236.7 grains, and is light 21.3 grains. Its value is $9.17. It has been both worn and sweated very severely.

I have deposited the proceeds ($9.17) with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. in this City, to the credit of James F. Casey, Collector of the Port, New Orleans, and enclose triplicate receipts for the same as requested.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pocock
Director

W. Simpson Esqr.
Cashier of Customs
New Orleans La.

Nov. 3d 71

Sir

In pursuance of the directions contained in your letter (Sy't L.) of October 30th, I have contracted with Mr Henry Troemner, of this City, for one balance to weigh single pieces of coin, and one for weighing letters and packages for the Mail, for the U.S. Depositary at Chicago; the former to cost ninety dollars ($90), and the latter from ten ($10) to fifteen dollars ($15); and to be ready for delivery in about ten days.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon'ble Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Nov. 14th 71

Gentlemen

I have this morning received your letter of the 3d. inst, complaining of the charge of ½ cent per ounce at the New York Assay Office, for remelting assaying and stamping refined silver bars.

In answer to your complaint I have to state that a proposed reduction in the charges for such services, has been submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury for his consideration, but I have not yet heard from him in reply; and do not know what conclusion he will come to.

Yours Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Director

Messrs. Lees & Waller
33 Pine St
New York

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Fifty thousand
Eight Hundred and Seventy five —

July 1. 71.

9,475. —
31,250. —
8,750. —
150. —
1,250. —

Geo. S. Boutwell

Jas. Pollock
Director

Nov. 7th /

Harmon Rickard Esq.
Deposit, N. Y.

Sir

Your letter of Nov. 2d, has been received.

Your ores will be assayed at the Mint by our Assayer, if you send them.

The charge, for each separate assay, is five dollars ($5) payable in advance.

Yours Truly
Jas Pollock
Director
pr J.C.P.

Nov. 7th /

W. H. H. Leech Esq.
Fostoria, Ohio

Sir

Your letter of Nov. 2d, has been received.

The Mint does not sell gold or silver in the manner you wish to purchase.

Gold and silver are received on deposit, and returned in coin to the depositor, which is the only way the Mint pays them out.

Yours Respy.
Jas. Pollock
Director
by J. C. P.

Nov. 7th 71

Sir

I have this morning received your letter of the 6th instant, enclosing your transfer Check on Philadelphia to my order, for $2.000, and requesting a shipment in return, of -

5¢ nickel coin	$1.200
1¢ " "	800
	$2.000

The five cent nickel coin will be forwarded to you to-morrow; and the 1¢ nickels the day after.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon L. R. Tuttle
Ass't Treasurer U. S.
Washington D.C.

Nov. 7th 71

Sir

Referring to your letters of the 16th 20th ultimo, with regard to the fused and tarnished coin forwarded to the Mint from the U.S. Depositary at Chicago; and my preliminary report thereon of October 21st, I have now further to report, that such of the coin as were susceptible of it were carefully brightened up for use, and the remainder have been recoined, as per your directions.

Enclosed I forward you;

1st A Statement of the examination of the safes and bags, certified by the six examiners appointed by me for the purpose, showing the total amount, as per count and estimate, to be $381.340.57.

2nd A Statement showing

the amount claimed, and the amount recoined, the aggregate of both, in gold, silver and base coinage, being $381,366.68, all of which has been transferred to the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at Philadelphia, according to your instructions.

Very Respectfully Yours

[signature]

Hon. George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Nov. 9th 71

Sir

Your letter of the 24th instant, informing me that you had forwarded to the Mint per Adams Express, two (2) bags of coin, (approximate value, Gold $5,704.00; Silver $173.72/100) from the ruins of your office; has been received.

The two bags of coin have also been received.

I now enclose you a statement, after cleaning and recoining of the burnt coins received from your depositary in the two safes, and the two bags above referred to, showing the value of the contents of each, and the total value of both safes and bags, viz $381.366,68, which amount has been transferred to

the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. in this City, to your credit; duplicate receipts for which will be forwarded to you this day by the Treasurer of the U. S. Mint.

Yours Respectfully

A. Collot

Director

Jas. E. McLean Esq.
U. S. Depositary
Chicago, Ills.

Nov. 9th 71

Sir

I duly received per Express the Thirty five dollars ($35) in soldered and mutil-ated U. S. Coins, specified in your letter of the 2d inst, and deposited the same for recoinage, in the name of my Clerk Henry C. Hickox. I then deposited the nett proceeds, amounting to the sum of Thirty four 23/100 Dollars ($34.23) in your name with the Asst. Treasurer U. S. in this City, as a transfer of funds, accord-ing to your directions, and herewith enclose the usual duplicate certifi-cates.

I also enclose the Mint memo-randum of the deposit and recoinage.

Yours Very Respectfully

J. C. Pollock

Director

Charles Clinton Esq.
Asst. Treasurer U. S.
New Orleans La

Nov. 10th 1

Gentlemen

Your letter of 9th inst, duly recd.

The silver referred to was deposited by your agents, the Adams Express Company, yesterday, who will return it in the shape of coin, in a few days, to you.

Yours Respfy

Jas. Pollock

Director

pJ.cP.

Messrs. Kirk & Son

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Nov. 10th 1

M. Jenkins Esq.

Rensselaer Ville N.Y.

Dr Sir

Your note enclosing four dollars for Proof Sett of 1871, has been duly received.

We will not be able to forward the sett until next week, as we are entirely out of them at present.

Yours Respfy

Jas. Pollock

Director

pJ.cP.

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Nov. 10 1

Virgil Bull Esq. Cashr.

Dear Sir

Your note of Nov. 9th, enclosing Draft on N.Y. for $10- for Proof Coins of 1871, has been duly rec'd.

We will forward you the coins early next week, our supply being entirely exhausted at present.

Yours Truly

Jas. Pollock

Director

per J.C.P.

Nov. 11th 71

Sir

I have this morning received by Express, your letter of the 9th instant, together with the accompanying nine hundred dollars ($900) in twenty dollar gold pieces and ten dollars in paper money.

The Mint executes gold and silver coinage for depositors of bullion, upon the terms of the enclosed circulars, to which you are referred, but does not exchange old coins for new, or for coins of different denominations.

I hold the gold subject to your order.

For the ten dollar greenback, we can furnish you a like amount of redeemed

"coppers" that have been brightened up by direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, for reissues, but cannot send you new ones.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Yours Very Respectfy.

Jas. Pollock

Director

H. G. Hunt Esq.

Boston Mass.

Nov. 13th 71

It ou[illegible] proper to make fresh ing[illegible] the [illegible]rative officers [illegible] and at New York, before re[illegible]ying to your letter of the 7th instant, in regard to Mint rates of charge on deposits.

The New York Office says "the reductions in the tariff of charges are justified by the dec[illegible]ed cost of operating as now pursued here, having in view the provisions of the law referre[illegible]"

Our Melter a[illegible] Refiner re[illegible]s to the same ef[illegible] Without [illegible]ch alteration a[illegible] expense, h[illegible] sub[illegible] sul[illegible] for [illegible] pa[illegible] d[illegible] an[illegible] (for

Nov. 13th 71

Sir

I thought it proper to make fresh inquiry, of the operative officers here and at New York, before replying to your letter of the 7th instant, in regard to Mint rates of charge on deposits.

The New York officer says, "the reductions in the tariff of charges are justified by the decreased cost of operating as now pursued here, having in view the provisions of the law referred to."

Our Melter and Refiner replies to the same effect. Without much alteration and expense, he can substitute sulphuric for nitric parting, and is desirous to do so, and to annex the chlorine process (for which the apparatus is

set up) whenever the amended rates call for it.

In my last letter on this subject, I suggested an amendment, making the bar charges the same as at present. I take this opportu-nity to amend that item, upon a further consideration by the officers, and that is, "for making bars from fine silver, and stamping the same, one-fourth of a cent per ounce"; instead of a half-cent, which is quite too much for melting without refining.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. R. Pollock

Director

Hon. George S. Boutwell

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington D. C.

Nov. 14th 71

Sir

Mr H. G. Hunt, Paying Teller of the Suffolk Bank, Boston, has sent me $900, in Double Eagles, by Express, desiring to exchange them for the smaller denomina=tions of the present year, 1871.

This is contrary to the regulations and practice of the Mint, although in rare cases we may have, as a matter of accom=modation exchanged a very few pieces.

In a second letter received from Mr Hunt this morning, he explains that a friend of his wants the new pieces for Christ=mas and New Years presents, and it is not convenient to get them from the Banks. He says if he

could see you, he thinks that under the circumstances, you would consent to the arrangement.

I have therefore thought it best to submit the matter to your consideration, and will be governed by your decision.

Most of the coins sent by Mr Hunt are in as good condition as could be reasonably expected after being in circulation, but some of them are perceptibly abraded, and the holders of coin warrants might not be willing to take them, as they always prefer new pieces.

Very Respectfully Yours

A. Colton

Director

Hon George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Nov. 15th 1

O. L. Spencer Esq.
Sir

Your note of Nov. 10th, has been duly rec'd.

The Mint has no knowledge of the box referred to as having been sent in July last.

If your friends will forward another specimen of their ores, we will examine it and give them an opinion on it.

Yours Respy.
Jas Pollock
Director
pr. J. C. P.

Nov 16th /

Sir

Your letter of the 14th inst has been duly received.

The Mint executes coinage for depositors of bullion, on the terms of the enclosed circular but does not act as Broker for the sale of coin

An American whole silver dollar (U. S) is intrinsically worth nearly eight cents in silver, more than two halves or four quarters. The whole silver dollars are coined chiefly for the China and India trade, or for the use of Silver-Smiths

Very Respectfully

J. R. Snowden
Director

D. A. Jeffrey Esq
Columbus
Ohio

Nov 18 71

Sir

In answer to your letter addressed to the former Director of the Mint, I have to say that the Mint Charge for such an analysis as you wish, is Five dollars, to be sent with the ore; and about two ounces will be sufficient. It might be sent in a letter, but should not be crushed.

Yours resp'y
A. Pollock

Mr. Lewis Newsom
Gallipolis
Ohio

Nov. 18th 71

Sir

On receipt of your second letter in relation to the exchange of $900 gold for small coin, referring to the Secy. of the Treasury; I laid the matter before him for his action, and, on the 16th inst, received authority from him to make the exchange, provided that the Double Eagles were within the deviation of weight required by law.

In accordance with such authority, I have forwarded to you by Express, this morning, a package containing, four hundred dollars in ten-dollar gold pieces of 1871; four hundred dollars in five-dollar gold pieces 1871; and one-hundred dollars in two-dollar and

a half-gold pieces, as per your order.

We have no new cents on hands, and are not coining any; and therefore herewith return the ten dollars forwarded by you for them.

Enclosed find Express receipt for the package.

Yours Respectfully

Director

H. G. Hunt Esq.
Paying Teller Suffolk Bank
Boston, Mass.

Nov. 21

Jos. P. Cooke Jr. Esq
Dear Sir.

Your letter of 20th inst, in relation to the Rumford Medal, has been duly received.

If you will send your dies to the Mint, we will have the medals struck for you in gold or silver, or both, as you may direct.

If you have any further instructions to give, please do so when the dies are sent.

Yours Respy
Jas Pollock
Director

Nov 22nd 1

Sir;

Yours of 18th inst, enclosing draft No 3530 for $50.00 in payment of $50.00 worth of small coin sent to you in excess of your order of August 29. 1871, is received.

Our accounts were short just $50.00, and we had written to every one who had ordered small coin, without discovering the mistake.

The check has been handed over to the Treasurer of the Mint and the proceeds ($50.00) will be applied to pay the balance of the amount ($100.00) received by you

Respectfully Yours
Jas. Pollock
Director

J. Fletcher Esq
Presd. Lake City Bank
Lake City Minn

Nov. 22d 1

Sir,

Your letter of the 14th inst. by Express, enclosing four Double Eagles ($80) for necoinage, and deposit, with the Asst. Treasurer U.S. to the credit of James F. Casey Esq. Collector of Customs at New Orleans, La; was duly received.

The deposit for coinage, was made in the names of my Clerk, Henry C. Hickok, and the nett proceeds, amounting to $79.07. this day deposited with the Asst. Treasurer U.S. at this place, as directed.

I enclose the usual certificates of deposit, together with the Mint memorandum of the necoinages.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Director

W. Simpson Esq.
Cashier, Custom House
New Orleans, La.

Nov. 24th /

Sir

By direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, I have this day forwarded to you by Adams Express, two boxes, containing.

One coin balance and weights
One U.S. Postal balance
One set Standard weights.

manufactured, to order, for your official use, by Mr Henry Troemner of this City.

Please advise me of their arrival.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Director

H. H. Nash Esq.
Acting U.S. Depositary
Chicago, Ills.

Nov 24 1

Dear Sir,

Most of the pieces you mention are in as fine condition in our Cabinet, as can be found. A few cents could be improved, but it would hardly be worthwhile for you to break the set, when it could be sold entire, with less trouble and more advantage. Besides, we are not willing to give very high prices.

Our show of European coins, old & new, is also very superior, & we refuse a good many offers.

Respectfully yours
J. P. Pollock
Director

H. B. Babcock Esq
61 Broadway, N.Y.

Nov. 25th 71

Sir

I enclose, with my approval, for payment, duplicate receipted bills of Mr Henry Troemner of this City, amounting to $128, for one coin balance; one postal balance, and one pett of standard weights ordered for the U.S. Depository at Chicago, Ills. in your letter of October 30th, and which were for=warded to Mr Nash, at Chicago, by Express, on the 23rd instant.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon. George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Nov. 25th /

Gentlemen

The five boxes of balances and weights for the U.S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, referred to in your letter of the 21st inst; duly reached me by Express, and are satisfactory.

I return your enclosed duplicate bills ($518.20) with a request that you send them to me receipted, in order that I may approve and forward them to the Treasury Department for payment, in accordance with instructions to that effect from the Secy. of the Treasury; the special appropriation for this purpose being under the control of, and disbursed by the Treasy. Depart. and not by the Mint.

Your bill, when audited at Washington, will be paid by a Treasury warrant.

Yours Respectfully

Wm. Wood & Sons

Novr 29 /

Dear Sir

Our Assayer reports that your minerals contain only a trace of gold and silver, too little to be estimated, & of no value.

The Mint charge for these examinations is Five Dollars, but on this occasion the charge is not exacted.

Yours truly

Jas. Pollock

Director.

Saml. Gathey Esq

East Middlebury

Vermont

Dec. 1st 71

Sir

At the close of business on the 29th ultimo, I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint; with the following result, viz.

Gold	$243.138.81
Silver	35.975.71
Ordinary Fund	67.069.21
Cent coinage account	182.785.16
San Francisco Br. Mint	951.72
Denver " "	76.77
Charlotte " "	161.20
Carson City " "	637.04
Base coins redeemed	246.012.36
Total	$776.807.98=

which corresponds with his Books.

I also made examination into the general condition and

operations of the Mint, and the institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully Yours

A. Pollock
Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Dec. 1st 71

Sir

Enclosed I forward my official statement of the amount and kind of base coinage redeemed during the Month of November 1871, under the Act of March 3rd 1871; as also the amount previous=ly redeemed, and the total amount redeemed.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Dec. 2d 1

E. M. Sellers Esq.

Dr Sir

Your letter of July 25th addressed to Dr. Linderman, was not received at the Mint until yesterday, inasmuch as it was directed privately, and the Doctor has been in Europe until within a few days.

The Silver you refer to, will be received at the Mint on the terms of the enclosed circulars.

Yours Truly

A. Loud

Director

Dec. 5th 1

Sir

I herewith enclose Statements of Deposits and Coinage at the Mint of the United States, for the months of October and November 1871.

Very Respectfully Yours

A. Loudon

Director

Hon. George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Dec. 27 1

Gentlemen

Please send the Daily Globe to the Mint during the present session of Congress.

Send duplicate receipted bills, and I will remit the amount by the next mail.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Director

Messrs.
F. & J. Rives, & G. A. Bailey
Publishers of the Globe
Washington D. C.

Dec. 6th 1

Sir

Your letter of the 5th inst, has bee duly received.

Messrs Morgan & Orr, N 1219 Callowhill St. Philadelphia can furnish all the coining m=chinery and information you cal for, and to them you are respectfu referred.

Yours Very Respectfull

Jas. Pollock
Director

Mr Wm. P. Holske
New York

Dec. 7th

Gentlemen

Enclosed I remit ten dollars ($10) in payment of your duplicate receipted bill for the daily "Globe", during the Second Session of the Forty Second Congress.

Yours Respectfully

J. W. Pollock
(4)
Director

Mess.
F. & J. Rives & Geo. A. Bailey
Washington D. C.

Dec. 7th 1

Dear Sir

Please call at the Mint, at your earliest convenience, and get a letter from the Treasury Department, sent to you in my care.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director

Mr Henry Troemner
710 Market St
Philadelphia

Dec. 11. 1

Sir,

Your letter of the 9th inst. enclosing draft for $25. and desiring silver dollars in exchange, has been duly received.

You misapprehend the functions of the Mint. We execute coinage for depositors of bullion, on the terms of the enclosed circulars, but do not exchange coin for paper money. We have for sale proof sets of the gold coins of 1871, price $43 in gold. Also proof sets of the silver, and bronze coins, of 1871, price, $3 in silver, or $3.50 in paper. This last is the only instance in which we take [illegible]

Your [illegible] ft is herewith returned.

Yours Respectfully

J. [illegible] Pollock

[illegible] Andrew [illegible]

Springfield [illegible]

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Dec. 12th 1

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 11th instant, has been duly received.

In reply to your inquiry, I have to state that whole dollars were first coined in 1794 (under the Act of April 2d 1792) and until 1803. From 1804 to 1839 (thirty six years) none were coined, except a few patterns in 1804, 1838 and 1839.

I herewith mail you a copy of my last Annual Report; also a copy of the latest edition of the Mint laws.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock
Director

Hon J. C. Harper M.C.
Washington D.C.

Dec 13. /

Sir,

Your letter of the 8th inst has been duly received. In reply I have to say that the Mint will send you gold and silver coins of any denominations you may desire, in Exchange for bullion or bars, on the terms of the enclosed circulars, to which you are referred, but we cannot take green backs. We do not Exchange coin for paper. Send us silver bullion or bars, and we will return you the Troy Amount in silver dollars, if you so direct.

The Adams Express Company have an Office and Agent in the Mint building, to receive deposits consigned to them, and make returns to depositors.

Yours Respectfully

Director

To.

Henry G. Judson,
Denver, Colorado.

Dec'r 18 1

Dear Sir,

The mineral which you sent has been tried by our Assayer, and is of not the smallest value; being merely decomposed pyrites, without any precious metals except a small trace of gold, which can be found in any similar mineral, and amounts to nothing.

No charge is made in this case, although the usual charge is five dollars.

Yours truly

Jas. Pollock
Director

Mr H. Y. Leikesher

Dec 20 1

Dear Sir

The mineral specimen which you sent, is of no value. The iron pyrites, mixture of iron and sulphur, makes a show which deceives many persons not familiar with it.

Yours &c.

Jas Patton

Mr C. A. Gray
Fattenville
Scott Co.
Virginia

Dec 27. 1

Sir,

Your letter of the 18th inst. has been duly rec'd.

It is not a part of the regular business of the Lab to analyze ores, but does so as a matter of accommodation. For an assay of a mineral specimen, and a report thereon, a charge of Ten dollars is made to cover the Expense. The money to be sent with the ore.

You need not send a large specimen. A piece the size of a walnut will be sufficient, sent at your own risk, prepaid. Yours Truly

Jas. Pollock

Mr. Wm Minnis,
Cleveland, Tenn.

Dec. 21st /

Sir

Your letter of the 18th inst, addressed to the Treasurer of the Mint, asking information in regard to certain medals or badges; was referred to me by that officer.

In reply I have to say, that the article to which you refer is not a medal, but a "silver or bronze star," attached to a blue ribbon; (to be worn, of course) as a badge, like the Star of Nobility or the Legion of Honor, in France; and such work properly belongs to the Jeweller; but, if any quantity is wanted, it would certainly be best to manufacture them from a die.

If it will be any accom=

mendation to you, however, and you think proper to write to me, giving me particulars as to size &c, I will confer with our Engraver, and will endeavor to give you the right idea of design, and render you assistance in getting them up.

As the article is in no sense a medal, it does not come under the class of manufactures of the U.S. Mint.

Yours Respectfully

J. R. Snowden
Director

Abbot Kinney Esq.
Care Alex. Murdoch & Co
Baltimore, Md.

Dec 22d 1

Sir

The letter and circular of Mr Joseph Wharton, with your reference, in relation to the purchase of nickel have been received.

The large supply of nickels now on hands, with very little, if any, consumption at present; and the reissue of the redeemed nickel three and five cent pieces, make it wholly unnecessary to contract for any additional quantity. The supply on hand (including the nickel pieces redeemed) will be sufficient for some years, under existing laws.

The papers referred, are herewith returned.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Director

Geo. Eyster Esq
Treas. U.S. Mint

Dec. 22d 1

Sir

I have the honor to report that I have this day deposited with the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. in this City, to the Credit of the Treasurer of the United States, the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars, profits from the Medal Department of the Mint; and I herewith enclose the original Certificate of the same, No. 6867, of this date.

Very Respectfully Yours

Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Dec 26. 1

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 21st inst. has been duly received. The Mint does not receive packages of base coinage for redemption, unless delivered at the Mint building free of Expense; and has no jurisdiction or Control whatever over the Express companies or their charges, the latter being purely a matter of private agreement between the Shippers and themselves.

If you send your Coins by the ordinary freight lines, they will not get farther than the depot or warehouse in this unless you can make an arrangement at the time of Shipment, for their delivery at the Mint, and for this, I understand there will be an Extra charge, for drayage of .50 cents & $1.00 per package, according to weight. The Mint cannot assume any responsibility in the matter

Yours Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Director

Messrs
N. Peters & Bro.
Syracuse, N. Y.

Dec. 28th 1

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 26th inst, enclosing check for $12.70/100 from Charles Dasit, Cashier of the First National Bank of Hornellsville, N.Y., on the Fourth National Bank, New York, to the order of J. E. R. Pattin, and endorsed by him to the order of J. B. Fry & Co, and by the latter endorsed to the order of the Director of the Mint; and desiring proof setts and pattern pieces to that amount; has been duly received this morning.

In reply I have to state that we have no pattern pieces, and no proof setts of 1867; and the proof setts of 1872

will not be ready until some time in February next.

We can send you a silver and copper proof sett of 1871, now, if you wish it; price $3.50 in currency; or, if you choose to send me seven dollars, in February, I will then send you a proof sett of 1871 and of 1872.

Please inform me how, and where, I shall return your check.

Yours Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Director

Mr T. M. Fry
Syracuse
New York

Dec. 29th 1

Sir

I have, today, received from the Treasury Department, under the frank of J. H. Saville Esq. Chief Clerk, a copy of the last annual Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, with the accompanying documents.

Very Respectfully Yours

[illegible]
Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D.C.

Dec 30. 1

Sir,

Your communication of the 29th inst desiring the services of Mr Jones, of the Mint, during next week and the week after, at your office, a account of the sickness of one of your clerks has been received this morning.

Under the circumstances your request is acceded to, and I have directed Mr. Jones to report to you for duty accordingly.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Director

Geo. Eyster, Esq
Asst Treas. U.S.
Philadelphia

Dec. 30. 71.

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Rec'd June 30. 72

Fifty Thousand
Eight hundred and Seventy five ———

July 1. 71,

9,475.—
31,250—
8,750.
150.
1,250.

Geo. S. Boutwell,

Jas. Pollock
Director

Decr 30 1

Gentlemen

I take pleasure in replying to your inquiry, which as you will see, presents several complications; but I will make the matter as plain as possible.

First, the question as to gold must be taken out, because it is really not in the case; & because the relation of gold to silver is not fixed by law, except we fall back upon the silver whole dollar, which is worth in the market 3 per cent. more than gold coin, and 6 or 7 per cent. more than half & quarter dollars in silver, which last are not a legal tender beyond five dollars.

Then there is another complication, in the shifting value of silver coin, as compared with paper currency.

Now it is evident to me, that the

easiest way to make this payment (expressed as it is in a very unusual, though very exact way,) is to comply with the terms of the deed, and pay, not by value, but by weight. The standard of fineness, since 1837, is nine-tenths. Therefore 3900 ozs. standard, is equal to 3510 ozs. fine, expressed by 1000. It will be an easy matter for you to buy in the New York or Boston bullion market, a stamped bar or bars to that amount, or near it, paying for the same in currency, and making change if necessary in the same. Such bars, of the U. S. Mint or Assay Office stamp are usually 995 to 999 thousandths fine (not absolutely fine) so that to pay your 3900 ozs., in bars say 999 fine, you would need 3510.50 ozs.

As an alternative, if the payee is willing to take the Mint price of silver bullion, and to waive the limit of legal tender — because when we buy, we pay in half dollars or smaller — then, 3900 ozs. standard, at 122½ cents per oz. would yield here $4777.50 in half-dollars. Just now the premium on these is about 5 per cent,

so that you would pay $5016.37 currency.

Very respectfully yours
Jas. Pollock
Director.

Jan. 2d 2

Sir

At the close of business on the 30th ultimo, I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint, with the following result, viz.

Gold	$89.034.11
Silver	52.857.81
Ordinary fund	51.834.59
Cent Coinage Account	222,251.25
San Francisco Br. Mint	951.72
Denver " "	76.77
Charlotte " "	161.20
Carson City " "	631.59
Base coinage redeemed	206.598.39
Total	$624397.43

which corresponds with his Books.

I also made

examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint, and the institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington D. C.

Jany. 3d

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 23rd ultimo was referred by me to the Engraver of the Mint for consideration, and reply.

A copy of his answer, with his suggestions as to form, designs, coat &c, is herewith enclosed.

I hope the information given will be satisfactory

Yours Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director

Abbott Kinney Esq.
Care of Alex. Murdoch & Co
Baltimore Md.

Jan. 4th 2

Sir

I duly received your letter (J.N.K.) of November 16th 1871, postponing for the present the "consideration of the subject of the reduction of charges in the Mint and the Assay Office in New York, for refining, toning and separating bullion" and requesting me, in the meantime to give you an estimate of the probable expense of apparatus and fixtures for introducing sulphuric and chlorine pro-

I applied to Superin- Acton for the desired estim- as regards the sulphuric pro- at the New York Assay Office but illness of Mr Ma- Melter & Refiner, delayed

reply until the 22d of December ultimo.

Enclosed I forward, for your consideration, a copy of Mr Mason's communication on the subject; also copy of a detailed report with regard to the Chlorine process submitted to me yesterday by Professor Booth, Melter and Refiner of the Mint.

From his official testimony, and my own careful observations of its working, the chlorine process strikes me remarkable for its simplicity and efficacy, and its saving of time and work expenses, all of them very important points that may be considered as definitely settled by the experiments already made. But to get the exact ratio of

expense in refining large amounts of bullion, it seems to be due, both to the Government and the in-=ventor, that the trial of its merits should be extended over a longer period of time; and, with your approval, which I await, I propose, as suggested by Professor Booth, to make arrangements to have the experiments continued for a period of six months after the next closing of accounts, the inventor having granted per-=mission without charge.

Yours Very Respectfully

J. C. Pollock

Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Janry 5th 1

Sir

Your letter (RS) of the 4th inst, calling my attention to the pre=scribed monthly count at the Sub-Treasury in this City, has been duly received.

I was of the impression that the usual count and exam=ination had been made during the month of December, but it seems I was mistaken.

The office of the Assist=ant Treasurer U.S. being in the Customs House building, under the same roof with the Naval Officer and Surveyor of the Port, and a mile from the Mint, and these Officers being in close proxi=mity, I had been in the habit

of deferring to the convenience of the Surveyor and Naval Officer, leaving them to designate a day for the count and to send me notice.

I shall endeavor hereafter, of my own motion, to secure the desired examination as often as once a month with punctual regularity, in accordance with your directions.

Very Respectfully Yours

[signature]
Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Jan. 6th 2

Sir

Enclosed I forward my offi=
=cial statement of the amount
and kind of base coinage re=
=deemed during the month of
December 1871, under the Act of
March 3d 1871; as also the amount
previously redeemed, and the
total amount redeemed.

Very Respectfully Yours

Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

January 6. 2.

Sir

I am instructed by the Director of the Mint, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. in reference to the procuring of bags in which to put redeemed base coins; and to say, that upon inquiry as to the cost of suitable bags, he has ordered them to be made, and has directed that every assistance be afforded in counting the base coins in store, and putting them in bags as rapidly as possible.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
H. C. Hickok
Director's Clerk

Geo. Eyster, Esq
Treasurer of the Mint

Jany 8. 2

Sir,

Your registered letter of the 2nd inst. was duly received, enclosing a small quantity of gold to be coined.

In reply, I have to say that the Mint does not receive deposits of less amount than One Hundred Dollars. I therefore hold your package subject to your order. If you wish it returned to you, in a registered letter, you will so state, and also enclose fifteen cents more to pay the return postage and registry fee.

Yours Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Director

Mr. Nelson Koons

Troy N.Y.

Jan 7th 2

Sir

I have the honor to request tho
you will call the attention
President to the necessity
=pointing Special Commissio
for the Annual Assay whi
take place at the Mint on
second Monday in Feb
next (12th) under th
the 32d Se on of th
of Januar th 1837.
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Director to ggest t
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of the Presiden viz

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notified [illegible] as early as
convenien[illegible] order that th[illegible]
may have [illegible] to [illegible]
necessary preparat[illegible] for
leaving home.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Would not keep

Jan. 9th 2

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will call the attention of the President to the necessity of ap= =pointing Special Commissioners for the Annual Assay which will be placed at the Mint on the second Monday in February next (12th) under the provisions of the 3d Section of the Act of Congress, of January 18th 1873.

It has been customary for previous years, past, for the Director to suggest the names of suitable persons for Assay Com= =missioners. I therefore respectfully submit the names of the following gentlemen for the consideration of the President, viz — — — —

Prof. Joseph Henry, Washington D.C.
Prof. Jno. Torrey, U.S. Assay office N.Y.
Prof. Jas. McClung, Phila. High School
Hons. A.D. Bache Philadelphia
Prof. Fairman Rogers do
Geo. H. Stuart Esq. do
J. Gillingham Fell Esq. do
Hon. Morton McMichael do

As it is important that there should be a quorum present on the day of meeting, I have presented the names of six gentlemen of this City, any three, or all of whom, I hope will be agreeable to the President to appoint. Two of them, with the ex-officio Commissioners, will insure us a quorum. The number of Special Commissioners is not limited by law. It has been customary to appoint from six to eight.

The appointments should

be made, and the gentlemen notified thereof as early as convenient, ~~in order~~ that they may have time to make the necessary preparations for leaving home.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Jan. 12th 72

Henry Hecht Esq.

Dr Sir

Yours of 10th inst, en=
=closing a coin for examination
has been duly received.

We have not the coin
in our collection & cannot certain=
=ly read its legends as yet; most
likely it is of Holland, and
at least four centuries old.

If you wish to dispose
of it for the Mint Cabinet, we
will give two dollars currency,
which is about as much as is
given for old silver coins not
of any special interest or
rarity.

Yours Respy.
Jas. Pollock
Director M.C.

Janry. 15th 72

Sir

If we take the whole silver dollar to decide your question, then an ounce troy of silver, of 900 fine, is worth 116 4/11 cents, legally. But if we take the market-price of silver, then the oz troy, 900 or standard fineness, is worth about 120 cents, payable in gold; consequently the silver dollar is worth more than the gold dollar by about three (3) per cent, and therefore is not current, and would not be current even if we now had specie payments. It is coined chiefly for Asiatic trade, and for silversmiths.

If we take the price which the Mint pays for silver bullion, which

is a variable price, but now, and for some years past 12½ cents, you have in that a third answer to your question, observ=ing that we pay in half-dollars or lesser pieces, which since 1853 are of less proportional weight than the whole dollar, and afford a profit to the Gov=ernment, but they are not a legal tender beyond five dol=lars. There has been no change since 1853.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director

J. W. Wheaton Esq.
for the Russell Paper Co.
Lawrence Mass.

Janry. 16th 72

Dear Sir

It would give me pleas=
=ure to oblige you and your corres=
=pondent, but the Mint keeps no
coins beyond the actual year
of coinage. Consequently a
Cabinet collection can only be
made by a long series of acces=
=ions, made from all sources,
especially auction sales. I may
say that the chief pleasure in
collecting is found in this
very slow addition, as it were,
piece by piece, far more than in
getting a whole mass at once.

Many pieces that the
names are so scarce that they
bring vast prices; not "fabulous"
but real. Judging from numerous
auction sales of recent occurence

one thousand dollars would only go part way towards filling his list.

The best Catalogue of American Coins is to be had in a first-class sale; such as could be supplied at a small price by W. Elliott Woodward, Roxbury, Mass; or Edward Cogan, 408 State St, Brooklyn N. Y.

Mr. Wilson's letter is herewith returned.

Yours Very Respectfully

Jo. Lovett

Director

Hon J. W. Patterson
U. S. Senate
Washington D. C.

Jany 17th 2

Sir:

Yours of the 15th inst, inquiring about a lot of Small coin Sent by you for redemption some time since, is just received, and in reply I have to State that the coin has arrived and is being counted to day. The Statement will be Sent to the Treasury Department, and a draft will be Sent to you in due time for the amount.

Yours Respectfully
James Pollock
Director
per Bogel

D. L. Hartshorn Esq,
Boston
Mass

Jany 19 2

Dear Sir

Herewith I return your coin as you request. I cannot find on it the date 981, nor any date. No coins were dated before the middle of the 15th century, and the Arabic numerals were not used in Europe until the 13th century.

We read on one side Ludovicus Dei Gracia, but the remaining legends we cannot make out, for want of a suitable work on the coins of the middle ages, very hard to procure. I presume it is German.

Respectfully yours

Jas. Pollock

Director

Mr. Henry Hecht
68 West Fourth St.

Jany 19th 2

Sir:

Yours of the 18th Instant, requesting us to send you 5 ℔ prices for a draft deposited to your credit by the First National Bank Philadelphia, has been received and in reply I have to state that the 5 ℔ prices were Shipped to your address, per Adams Express Co on the 30th of December 1871

Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock
Director

T. T. Davis Esq.
Cashr Nat Bk of Chester Valley
Coatesville
Pa

Jany 19th 2

Gents

Yours of the 16th inst, inquiring about $36.56 in small coin sent for redemption, is received and in reply I have to state that the coin has been received and counted and the certificate forwarded to the Treasury Department.

Respectfully Yours
James Pollock
Director
per Vogel

McKinstry & Childs
Schultzville
Pa

Jan. 19th 2

Sir

Your letter of 18th instant has been received.

I can procure the gold dollars desired by Mrs Senator Hamlin, at the Mint; and, if you will send me three dollars in gold, will take great pleasure in forwarding them to you for her.

Yours Truly

Jas. Pollock
Director

Thos. J. Hobbs Esq.
Treasy. Dep't
Washington D.C.

Jany. 20th 2

Sir

Enclosed I forward a communication from C. W. LaGrange Esq, Superintendent of the Branch Mint at San Francisco, Cal, asking an additional appropriation of $21.500.00 for the item of wages of workmen to enable him to properly conduct the operations of that Branch Mint during the remainder of the current fiscal year.

The facts stated by Superintendent LaGrange justify the desired appropriation. I have therefore endorsed my approval of his application, and respectfully recommend that the appropriation be made.

Very Respectfully Yours

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Jas. Pollock
Director

Jan. 20th 2

Sir

Your application of the 1st inst, to Secretary Boutwell for an additional appropriation of $21.500.00 for wages of workmen for the current fiscal year, has today been received, and forwarded to the Secretary, with a recommendation that the appro=
=priation be granted.

Yours Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Director

O. H. Lalgrange Esq.
Supt. U. S. Br. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Jany 20th 2

Sir

I have duly received your letter of the 8th inst. proposing to buy the sweeps of the U.S. Branch Mint at San Francisco, Cal, and submitting bids for my approval.

The sweeps of that Branch Mint were formerly disposed of under my immediate direction and control, to parties in New York; but last year, at the suggestion of Supt. Lalgrange, I changed the rules, so as to permit the sale of the sweeps to be made at San Francisco. The sales are now made by the Treasurer of the San Francisco Branch Mint, under the directions of the Superintendent, the bids offered being first

submitted by the Superintendent to me for examination and approval. The sales of the sweeps is under my jurisdiction and control, but any bid you may have to make should be addressed to Supt. Lalfrange, who will forward all bids to me, with his report thereon for my information and guidance.

The Treasurer has no control over the sale of sweeps except as above stated.

Yours Respectfully

Jos. Pollock

Director

Mr W. O. Sleeper

San Francisco

California

Jany 20th 2

Sir:

Yours of the 19th Instant; inquiring about a box of Nickel coin sent to the Mint for redemption and asking if it had arrived; has been received.

In reply I have to state that the box has arrived, but the coin has not yet been counted

Yours Respectfully
James Pollock
Director
per Vogdes

John L Heiders Esq P.M.
Chambersburgh
Pa

Jany 20 2

Sir:

Yours of the 18th inst. asking about a lot of small coin sent on the 2nd inst. for redemption, has been received and in reply I have to state that the coin has been received, but not yet counted

Your Respectfully
James Pollock
Director
per Vogel

John H. Shultz Esq
Brooklyn E.D.
N. Y.

Jan. 22 2

Nelson Coons Esq.
Care W. B. Fales
Troy N.Y.

Sir

Your letter of 17th inst, has been rec'd.

We send herewith, as per your order, the gold dust referred to, to the address as above.

Yours Respy

J. W. Pollock
Director

Jany. 22d 2

Sir

The twenty discs of silver of a purity not less than 99 95/100 for the use of the Bureau of Ordnance of the Navy Department, ordered for that Bureau by your letter (J.J.K.) of the 19th instant, received this morning, will be prepared and forwarded as directed, as soon as they can be prepared, say in the course of the next few days.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington D.C.

Jan. 23d 2

Thos. J. Hobbs Esq.
Treasury Department

Dear Sir

Your letter of 22d inst, enclosing three (3) gold dollars, has been received.

I have forwarded this day per Express to your address care of C. P. Benedict Esq, three gold dollars of 1868-70-71, as requested.

Yours Truly

A. E. Elliott
Director

Philad.a January 24. 1872

Hon J. W. Nye
"Senate"
Washington
D. C.

Amount of deposits at Carson Branch Mint since June last.- Three Millions two hundred and Ninety three Thousand, and Thirty eight Dollars

Jas Pollock
Director

Jany 25. 2.

Gentlemen,

In reply to your inquiry of the 24th inst. I enclose you a copy of the Act of Congress of June 8. 1864, prohibiting, under heavy penalties, the making of anything in the similitude of the coinage of the United States. There were several prosecutions under this Act, in Kansas, during the past year, in which the law was vindicated and sustained by the U.S. Commissioner.

Yours Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Director

Messrs
Howard & Co.
865 Broadway
New York

Janry. 25th 2

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23d inst, and a copy of the communication addressed by George Eyster, Treasurer of the Mint, to the Secretary of the Treasury, under date of October 25th 1871, containing charges against certain officers of the Mint, &c.

I have read these charges with more than surprise. I forbear at this time to say more than that the charges are either simply false, or gross exaggerations.

I will forward my statement, with affidavits &c, as early as practicable, perhaps before the close of this, or the be=
=ginning of this week.

Yours Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon R. W. Taylor
First Comptroller Treasury
Washington D.C.

Jany 26th 2

Sir:

Your of the 19th instant, inquiring about four boxes of Nickel coin sent for redemption, has been received, and in reply I have to say that the coin has been recd and counted and the certificate forwarded to the Treasury Dept.

Your Respectfully
James Pollock
Director
per Boyd

Mr John F. Kohler
New York

Janry. 26th 2

Sir

I have duly received your letter of the 24th instant, (inadvertently addressed, to a former Director of the Mint) requesting information as to the "Mint regulation of the Spanish, ounce (Gold) and its fractions (or doubloon,) which coins, are current in Cuba."

Although your inquiry is easily answered, I will first remove a little confusion, in the use of Spanish, money terms.

Here in the United States we have long applied the name Doubloon only to the largest gold coin of Spain, and Spanish Americas, the piece of nearly sixteen dollars.

In Cuba, it appears to be

known as the Onz: (ounce) although it weighs less than a Spanish ounce, considerably.

In Spanish law (I cannot say as to custom) the term doubloon dobloon, is applied to gold pieces of two, four, eight, or sixteen dollars. Its primary sense being double it implies a binary reduplication taking the dollar as the unit. They distinguished these ounces by adding the number of dollars contained.

These remarks from me I have only to say that the ounces or large doubloons are not very uniform in fineness, but may be averaged, even with a little wear, at fifteen dollars fifty cents (15^{50}) of our gold money. If sent to the Mint for recoinage, a deduction of one-half

of one per cent is made, under our present law.

The quarter of that piece, which your letter calls doubloon, but which is generally called pistole, is one-fourth of the value just stated.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. W. Pollard

Director

Stephen J. W. Tabor Esq.

Fourth Auditor Treasury

Washington D. C.

Jany. 26th 2

Sir

I telegraphed you to day that my requisition of December 30th 1871, for the 3rd quarter of the current fiscal year had not yet been honored.

I herewith enclose a duplicate copy of that requisition (for $50.875) and have to request that a draft for the amount may be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Mint, without delay, as the last remittance is very nearly exhausted, and the money is needed for the prompt payment of salaries and wages, and other current expenses.

Very Respectfully Yours

A. Ellicott
Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Jany 27th 2

Sir

Yours of the 26th inst. in relation to lot of base coin sent for redemption, has been received, and in reply I have to say that the coin has been received, but not yet counted.

Yours Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Director
per boger

H. S. Phillips Esq
Cash. First Nat'l Bk
of Pittston
Pa

Jany 27. 2

Sir,

Circumstances compel me to call your immediate attention to the operations of the Mint, as connected with the cent coinage account.

As you are aware, the profits from the making and issuing of the base coinage, are first applied to the payment of the necessary expenses of that coinage, and then the balance paid into the Treasury of the United States.

The net profits so paid into the Treasury, amount in the aggregate, to more than $4,500,000,- and this fund is now used in the redemption of the base coinage, under the Act of March 3. 1871.

The recoinage of the redeemed

base coinage, after being cleaned and brightened as directed by you, has limited and reduced the making of new base coinage to such an extent that the profits of that coinage now in the Treasury of the Mint upon actual coinage, are not equal to the expenses, but fall short of it, so much so, that if the deficiency cannot be made good by some other arrangement, I shall be compelled, in the course of another month, to discharge wholly One Hundred Employes, men and women, every one of whom is needed for the work of the Mint.

Our Gold and Silver coinage has largely increased; and the receiving, counting, cleaning, storing and reissuing of the redeemed base coinage, requires as much time

and working force, as the making of new coins, and if our force be reduced to the Extent I have indicated, it will not only cripple and Embarrass the Mint, but absolutely compel me to suspend a large portion of our most Essential operations.

Now we are constantly receiving orders and Remittances for base coinage, which are mostly filled by recoining the redeemed base coins, as per your instructions. This money is practically and really, as much a part of the profits of the Cent Coinage, as any Equal Amount of the $1,500,000.- heretofore received for new coins, and I respectfully suggest that you authorize so much of it as may be necessary, to be applied

to the payment of our current Expenses in the same manner that the money received for Texas bonds claims has heretofore been applied.

I shall be glad to hear from you in reply at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Director

Hon. Geo. S. Bantwell

Secretary of the Treasury

Jany 27th 1872

Sir

I have the honor to send you to-day my Statement in answer to certain charges made against myself as Director of the U. S. Mint, in relation to the San Francisco, Assay Coins (not Proof); the restoring of old coins; exchange of coin for currency; sale of coin on my own account &c.

I also send the affidavits of C. C. McClure, Geo Phillbe and Allen C. Michener Esqs, Assistants, or Cashiers in the Office of the Ass't Treasurer at Philadelphia from 1862 to 66 - covering the whole period of exchanging gold for U.S. Notes.

Also copies of correspondence with the Supt of Br Mint San Francisco - the Secy of the Treasury, Hon J. L. Smith, First Auditor &c, showing notice of exchange &c.

I have been as brief as possible - omitting many things that would further explain transactions

of many years ago; but did not deem a more lengthy statement necessary.

Very Respectfully & Truly Yours

Director

Hon R. H. Taylor
1st Comptroller of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

List of Affidavits and letters (copies) accompanying Statement of James Pollock, Director of U. S. Mint January 27th 1872. Sent to Hon R. H. Taylor, First Comptroller, Treasury Department.

A. Affidavit of E. C. McClure Esq Assistant & Cashier in U. S. Asst Treasurers Office in 1862, 3 and 4 relating to Director exchanging gold for U. S. legal-Tender Notes.

B. Affidavits of Geo Philbe Esq, Cashier, dito, in same years, on same subject

C. Affidavit of Allen C. Michener Cashier, dito, in 1864 1865 & 6, on same subject

Letters (copies)

No 1. Letter March 18/63 to Superintendent of Branch Mint San Francisco, directing the restoration to the proper account the amount of Assay Coins &c.

2. Letter Oct 20/63 from Treasurer Br Mint, showing restoration of Assay Coins in U. S. legal-tender Notes &c.

3. Letter December 18/63 from Director to Supt Br Mint R. B. Sovain Esq, inter alia, informing him of the gold procede of the Assay Coins, with Asst Treasurer of the U. S. in Philadelphia for U. S. legal-tender Notes &c.

4. Letter May 5/64. from Director to Supt R. B. Swain sending Bill of Lading and notice of exchange of gold for U.S. Notes &c.

5. Letter Feby 18/65 to Supt Br Mint informing him of Amount of Assay Coins 1864 placed to his credit and exchange for U. S. Notes as heretofore.

6. Letter March 20/65 from Supt Br Mint to Director, Acknowledging receipt of letter concerning result of Annual Assay and saying that proceeds of Assay Coins would be charged to a/c of Director in the manner heretofore adopted.

7. Letter Feby 17/66 from Director to Hon J. L. Smith First Auditor, asking permission to pay Assay Coins into Mint Treasury; also informing him of the former exchange of gold for U. S. Notes with Assistant Treasurer, and asking authority to sell, through the Treasurer of the Mint, the gold &c

8. Letter Feby 24/66 from Secy of Treasury approving transfer to Mint Treasury; approving former course of exchanging gold for Notes, and disapproving Sale &c

9 Letter Feby 24/66 from Director to Supt of Br Mint informing him that he had, by authority of the Secy of the Treasury, paid to the Treasurer of the U.S. Mint, here, $1203.78 in gold coin, balance in full of Assay coins for 1864. (Same day $7514.90 was paid in in coin to the Treasurer of the Mint at Philadelphia, to the credit of the Treasurer of Br Mint San Francisco, proceeds of Assay Coins for 1865. &c.)

Jany 31st 2

Sir:

Yours of the 29th inst, inquiring about a lot of small coin sent for redemption, is received, and in reply I have to say that the coin has been received and counted, and the Certificate has been forwarded to the Treasury Department.

Yours Respectfully
James Pollock
Director
per Vogel

N. Peters & Bros
Syracuse
N. Y.

Febry. 1st 2

Sir

At the close of business on the 31st ultimo, I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint, with the following result, viz;

Gold	$89.416.98
Silver	68.495.62
Ordinary Fund	86.800.63
Cent Coinage Account	253.925.54
San Francisco. Br. Mint.	951.72
Denver " "	76.77
Charlotte " "	161.20
Carson City " "	678.23
Base coinage redeemed	199.855.24
Total	$7.003.361.93

which corresponds with his Books

I also made examination

into the general condition and operations of the Mint; and the institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington D.C.

Febry. 1st 2

Sir

Enclosed I forward my official statement of the amount and kinds of base coinage redeemed during the month of January 1872, under the Act of March 3rd 1871; as also the amount previously redeemed, and the total amount redeemed.

Very Respectfully Yours

Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Feby. 1st 2

Sir

Enclosed I forward Statement of Deposits and Coinage at the Mint of the United States during the month of January 1872.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Feb 2. 2

Sir,

I will thank you to forward me, at your earliest convenience a copy of the bound volume of the "Estimates of Appropriations, 1872-73" for the use of this Institution.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Director

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell

Secretary of the Treasury

Feby 2nd 2

Sir:

Yours of the 1st instant, asking about a lot of base coin sent for redemption, has been received, and in reply I have to state that the coin has been received and count and the certificate forwarded to the Treasury Department.

Yours Respectfully
Samn Pollock
Director
per Vogdes

John A. Bigler Esq
Cash: City Bank
Harrisburg
Pa